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# Tories at war as polls close

Anthony Bevins and Colin Brown

The Tories started warring even before the polling stations had closed last night, with leadership candidates jockeying for position to succeed John Major.

Clearly anticipating a Tory defeat, leading Euro-sceptics accused Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, of sabourging the Conservative election cumpaign by refusing to allow Mr Major to veto entry into the single European currency.

Across Whitehall, ministerial special advisers were packing

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in anticipation of being thrown out of their offices by a Labour victory. One official at the Treasury said: "We are spring cleaning over here."
With yesterday's voting

marked by a high early turn-out throughout the country during a bright and sunny day, the recent spate of terrorist scares prompted the first appearance of armed police officers at Tony Blair's polling station in Sedge-field, County Durham.

But it was the early moves on the Tory leadership that provided the early indicator of the result. Even before polling opened, at least one Cabinet challenger for the leadership eager to appear over the week-end, with an implicit nudge-andwink hint that he would be in

the running for the succession. Cabinet contenders had al-ready been beaten to the starting gate by John Redwood, the one man unconstrained by the niceties of waiting for the result. He has already been booked to appear on BBC Radio 4's The World at One programme today, and he is scheduled to star on London Weekend Television's Jonathan Dimbleby programme on Sunday, to "discuss the lessons for the Conservative

According to Labour sources, the biggest lesson of the campaign was the way in which the party's machine "ran Central Office ragged" at every turn, in spite of the fact that they had received a leaked copy of Labour's

One senior Labour source said he suspected that the Tories had under-played their strongest card - the economy because they were wary of pro-moting Kenneth Clarke, for fear of provoking a Euro-sceptic backlash.

"The Euro-sceptics are being complete idiots if they think Europe was the issue which cost us the election," said a senior Cabinet source, "There were over 200 candidates who fought the election on a commitment to rule out the single currency. It was made pretty clear to anywhat the nature of the Tory party would be.

"war book" battle plans.

The Tory pro-Europeans are

ready to launch a fight-back today with Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, poised to go the rounds of the broadcasting studios to issue a pointby-point answer to the charges from the Euro-sceptics.



Devotion to democracy: Sisters of the enclosed Benedictine order of Tyburn Convent, Marble Arch, London, queueing to exercise their democratic right yesterday morning. The

ruling out a single currency. "Labour would never have had one wanting to cast their vote a dog's chance if he had ruled out the single currency," he

vrole in the *Sun* .

on a Euro-sceptic ticket by yesterday reported heavy betting on Mr Portillo and Mr Heseline for the succession. They are joint 5-2 favourites.

But early contenders could vet be disappointed if Mr Ma-But Lord Tebbit, the former with strong Whitehall ruchairman of the party, was the first openly to put the boot into Michael Portillo's putative lead
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Michael Portillo's putative lead
a duty to see his party through

Other, calmer voices say –

Sceptics and, possibly, trigger a Mr Major for refusing to fight ership campaign, Ladbrokes to a mature and considered rightly - that if he did that, he mass defection by pro-Euro-

leadership battle in July, or even the autumn. Mr Major's friends argue that, having been betrayed by party feuding, he should leave the warring factions to do their worst, and an-

would be rewarding the very people who have made his life so difficult as Prime Minister for the past six years.

A precipitate resignation and leadership contest would prob-

pean MPs. Delay would help to calm the excitement. It would give new MPs time to settle down, think about the future of that the 30-per-cent local turn-

the party, and mobilise support for a contender who could hold the party together. That could even revive the possibility of a joint Heseltine-Portillo ticket.

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in his Huntingdon constituency out was "way above what we'd normally expect." He said it was "a very good omen for democ-With brisk polling reported looks like a high turn-out."

### MPs? Philistines all, says Hockney

David Lister and Andrew Marr

David Hockney, our best known living artist, last night warned that Britain does not need a government of "bossy prefects," and airily suggested that Jack
Straw should make legalising
marijuana a priority.

Many more of my friends
have died from alcohol than

drugs," said the 59-year-old artist looking unusually boyish in a knitted green waistcoat. But I bet Jack Straw will be serving drinks tonight I would prefer a joint really. What am I supposed to say?"

Hockney was speaking to The Independent at one of the most enjoyable occasions on election night ilt was the opening of his first commercial ex-hibition in London for 15 years: and with the light flooding in through the glazed roof of the gallery onto his wibrant paintings

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contemporaries such as Kitag, Lucien Freud, Sir Anthony Caro and Allen Jones, to tell us his personal manifesto for change.

He said he had only voted once in his life, for Harold Wilson, and an era that ushered in libertarianism, homosexual law reform and artistic innovation. He hoped, but did not expect, to see again a government encouraging such things. "I'm a bit dreading Jack Straw really," he told us. "He is about my age and 30 years ago they were saying well, you can't legalise marijuana, they don't know the facts. Thirty years have passed

and now they do." Hockney recently said: "Parliament are philistines; people who are not concerned with beauty, not concerned with the things I am." Last night he added: "There's so much energy and creativity about but it has to be supported. Yet on an of-

of flowers, he briefly forsook ficial level we're a philistine country." He mused for a moment then said; "Mind you it could be worse. Have you ever been to New Zealand?

Hockney pleaded for the new government to consider to the appearance of public build-ings: "Years and years ago, when they used to pull the buildings down in Bradford, I would say why don't they spend more money and make them more attractive?"

But he did express optimism in one area unrelated to politics. Painting is making a comeback, he said. "We've gone through the photography era ... the young artist will move back to painting. □ David Hockney: "Flowers.

Faces and Spaces" is at the An-

nely Juda Fine Art Gallery, London W1, until July. It con-

tains his new paintings of

flowers and portraits of himself



Flower power: David Hockney at the opening of his first commercial exhibition in London for 15 years Photograph: Nicola Kurtz



Murderer deported
"Mad Dog" McCafferty
(above), the multiple murderer who has been deported from Australia after spending a total of 23 years in jail, is due to arrive in Britain today. Page 16

£300.000 damages Sandra Hurley, the mother of a Down's Syndrome child who was refused a screening test is to receive £300,000 damages following an out-of-court settlement of her negligence claim.

Refugees wait United Nations agencies are struggling to clear a backlog of some 2,000 Rwandan refugees waiting to be airlifted home from Zaire. Page 16

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#### Maze prison protest set to end after crisis talks

The loyalist protest at the Maze prison is to end after a breakthrough during crisis meetings between loyalist politicians and Northern Ireland security officials yesterday.

After nearly an hour of talks at Stormont Castle, representatives from the Ulster Democratic Party (UDP), which has close links to UDA paramilitaries at the centre of the protests, emerged to say there were signs the dispute could be resolved. Two earlier meetings had ended without agreement.

The dispute had started on Tuesday after prison officers introduced new security measures for all prisoners in the aftermath of the discovery of a Republican escape tunnel at the Maze. Loyalists refused to co-operate with the planned twice-daily lock-ups for head counts on the grounds they were being penalised for the behaviour of the IRA.

Prison staff were withdrawn from two of the H-shaped blocks involved, family visits were suspended and inmates took to the rooves, burning furniture and papers. The Ulster Freedom Fighters then warned of "a price to be paid" if riot squads were used to re-

#### Man charged over pub murder



A 27-year-old man was yesterday charged with murdering judge's daughter Rachel McGrath, who was stabbed to death as she called to collect her boyfriend from a public house last Friday. Iobless Nicholas Burton, 27, will appear before magistrates in Stockport, Greater Manchester, today. Burton, of no fixed address.

was remanded in custody yesterday charged with student Debbie van Gerko near her home in Gatley, Stockport, the

day after 27-year-old Miss McGrath died. Burton, who was arrested in North Wales on Sunday, is also accused of making death threats and false imprisonment in

connection with the alleged kidnapping of Miss van Gerko.

Miss McGrath, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, whose father, Brian, 55. is a district judge, was found dead outside the Victoria Tavern in Bramhall, Stockport, after driving there to collect her live-in boyfriend, Kevin Forster, 25, after a night out.

#### Cabbies pledge help in rapist hunt

A cabbies' leader yesterday pledged "maximum co-operation" with police hunting a taxi driver who raped a 13-year-old girl. Bob Oddy, general secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, which oversees the 17,000 cabs and 22,000 drivers operating in London, said the association was considering the possibility that a bogus driver could be involved, adding: "There are hundreds of second-hand taxi cabs in London and it is perfectly possible that the rapist could have got hold of one."

Mr Oddy's pledge came after police appealed for help in the hunt for the driver of a black cab who subjected a 13-year-old girl to a terrifying ordeal, raping her three times while she was on a sightseeing visit to London.

The victim, who comes from Southampton and is now 14, was attacked after being picked up by the black cab in The Strand at about midnight on Sunday, 23 March.

#### Chaos ahead for drivers in France

Lorry firms are braced for a week of massive disruption to travel in France because of a combination of official restrictions and another protest strike. The AA advised motorists planning a Bank Holiday cross-Channel break to be prepared for possible chaos on Monday, caused by a threatened new blockade.

May Day is a public holiday in France, and under rules introduced at the end of the last year - to appease striking French lorry drivers - no foreign lorries are allowed on the country's roads on Sundays and official holidays. In addition, two French truckers' unions have backed a "day of action" on Monday.

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### Rock 'n' roll lifestyle catches up with Status Quo star

ick Parfitt, the guitarist with the veteran rock band Status Quo, was last night said to be "desper-ate to get back to work", less than 24 hours after undergoing an emergency quadruple heart by-pass

Parfitt, 48, from Teddington, south-west London, was recovering in the intensive care unit at London's Wellington Hospital after a four-hour operation.

A spokesman for the band said: "He is drifting in and out of consciousness but he has been talking to nurses. He's desperate to get back to work but surgeons say he will have to wait until 1 August.\*

The musician was admitted to hospital after complaining of chest pains. Extensive tests revealed a narrowing of arteries to his heart, and his surgeon recommended immediate surgery. He is expected to make a full recovery but will remain in intensive care until this evening.

in St John's Wood yesterday afternoon. He said Parfitt had the first twinges of pain on Sunday, but it was not until Tuesday, after he had finished a day's recording that he contacted his Harley Street doctor.

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"Rick woke up in a state of shock.

up and drugged up but he still had a smile in his eyes. said Mr Walker, "He had shown no signs of heart problems during the extensive tour in which we covered between 40,000 and 50,000 miles. He had only complained about the usual things, such as tiredness.

"He went to his doctor, who had experienced similar symptoms and had the tenacity to recognise that Rick would need thorough tests.

"I was told on the phone that the tests would be a safety precaution, but then I got a message from his surgeon saying that unless he went under the knife

immediately, it could be too late." Mr Walker added: "We have no idea what caused this, after all he keeps fit. The show itself is a keep-fit show. I guess it was to do with smoking and a bad diet, though I tried to get him to use patches to get

him off the cigarettes." The operation has caused the immediate cancella-tion of all Status Quo concerts for May, June and July. The band was due to undertake a series of 21 European and festival appearances this summer, playing to more than 1 million fans.

Last year Parfitt crashed his Porsche and was banned om driving for 18 months.

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#### **EVOLUTION**

#### Study of lizards proves Darwin was right

Scientists believe they have proved Charles Darwin was right by setting lizards on different evalutionary paths and watching the results. Darwin argued in The Origin of the Species that when organisms colouise a new tenantry they adapt to its conditions and eventually evolve into a new species.

The first observable evidence that this happens has come from an emerginent in which Applied to a group.

an experiment in which Anolis lizards were introduced to a group of Bahamian islands. Returning to the islands 14 years later, the scientists, led by Dr Jonathan Losos from Washington University, Missouri, found that the island lizards had changed to suit the regetation of their new environment.

They had developed much shorter hind limbs and become lighter to help them perch on the thinner branches and twigs found on the islands. They also had wider toe-pads than lizards living in their natural home on the island of Staniel Cay.

Science journal Nature, which published the results today, said:

This may be among the most important work in evolutionary studies since Darwin studied the diversity of finches on the Galapagos Islands during the voyage of the Beagle."

#### HEALTH .

#### Irish ignoring dangers of sun

Sun-loving Irish people forget or ignore the long-term risks of skin cancer when they get the opportunity to go out and get a tan, a psychologist warned yesterday. Dr Anne-Marie McMahon said: "The trouble with the Irish is that we have sun-loving gregarious personalities, but sensitive Nordic skin. And our climate is so unpredictable we rush out with a sense of joy when we see the

She was speaking after a survey showed that the number of Irish people who do not take any precautions to protect themselves from the risk of skin cancer when they go sunbathing had doubled from 11 per cent last year to

22 per cent this year.
Only 6 per cent of Irish sun
lovers limited the time they spend in the sun – a 16 per cent drop on the number of people who said they took precautions in the same survey last year.



#### **CHURCH**

#### A bleak view from the vicarage

Vicars' wives think their husbands are overworked and underpaid, according to a new survey. The study of more than 100 vicars' spouses revealed the modern-day pressures on male and female priests and their families.

It concluded that most vicars work an average of more than 60 hours a week, with 25 per cent of wives believing their family relationships suffered because of the clergy workload. In addition,

many wives say although they can meet day-to-day needs but cannot afford extras such as holidays or new appliances.

The survey of more than 100 ecclesiastical spouses was carried out by Susan Avis, whose husband, Paul Avis who is sub Dean of Exeter Cathedral and vicar of Stoke Canon near Exeter, Devon.

Vicars are awarded an annual stipend of around £14,500, no matter how long they have served in the post. However, they do have the benefit of a free home and a non-contributory pension.

which brings the package nearer to £20,000 a year.

Mrs Avis said: The survey may have given clergy spouses the chance to let off steam.

"But equally noteworthy were respondents who nonetheless counted blessings and were endeavouring to accept their difficulties cheerfully as part of their calling to follow Christ."

The Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Tony Tremlett, said:"People do not go into the Church because of the money. It is not an income which allows any luxury. The clergy is expected to be all things to all people. Clearly vicars cannot do everything."

#### **TRANSPORT**

#### Scotland offers life in the fast lane

If you want to avoid life in the slow lane and dodge daily traffic jams, then the Scottish Borders and East Anglia are the best places to live and work, new research published has revealed.

Around 70 per cent of British motorists spend up to 30 minutes stuck in a traffic jam during an average working day, but a drive to work in the Borders and East Anglia is much easier with 41 per cent and 40 per cent of motorists respectively avoiding a jam

That compares with only 3 per cent in Lancashire, 7 per cent in the central region of England and 8 per cent of drivers in Yorkshire who manage to dodge daily hold-ups.

And if you ever want to get stuck in the slow lane then the Midlands, which includes the M6 and Spaghetti Junction, is the place to bead for. Ninety per cent of motorists interviewed for the research,

sponsored by breakdown service Autonational Rescue, are held up in traffic jams every day by anything up to two hours - although for most, the average daily hold-up is no more than 15 minutes.

#### King of the squeegee rides again.

The world window-cleaning record was reclaimed by its former holder, Terry Burrows, yesterday. He cut nearly a quarter of a second from his previous best as he cleaned three 45-inch-square windows in 18.46 seconds at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Mr Burrows, 41, from South Ockenden, Essex, used a bucket of soapy water, a 14-inch applicator and a 12in squeegee blade.

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# His manager, David Walker, arrived at the hospital

Dame Shirley's

£31m fight moves

to High Court The decision to impose a £31.6m sur-charge on Dame Shirley Porter and five

former colleagues in the Westminster City Council "homes for votes" affair will reach the High Court in October. The former Tory council leader, who

has indicated she wishes to submit fresh evidence, was one of those directed yesterday to be available for cross examination at a six-week appeal to begin on 2 October. Her QC asked the three senior judges in the case to disregard the "horrifying" publicity surrounding it. Three Westminster councillors and

three officials, including Dame Shirley, who now lives in Israel, were accused by the district auditor, John Magill, of "wilful misconduct" and "disgraceful and improper gerrymandering" between 1987 and 1989.

In May last year he made them jointly and severally liable to repay the £31.6m estimated to have been spent by the council moving council tenants from marginal wards and selling their homes cheaply to people who were more likely to vote Conservative, in an effort to fix election results. Lawyers for Dame Shirley and her for-

mer colleagues will argue in court that the auditor's methods of procedure and conclusions were fundamentally flawed and the record surcharge was unfair. Lord Justice Rose, sitting with Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Keene, laid



down a timetable for the hearing and gave directions on the extent to which fresh evidence would be admissible before them.

Lord Justice Rose said it would be for the appellants to open the case and seek to establish that there was "something amiss" with the auditor's decision. If they overcame that hurdle, it would be for the auditor to prove they were guilty of wilful misconduct. Other appellants are: former deputy

leader David Weeks: former housing chairman Peter Hartley; former managing director Bill Phillips, and Graham England, former director of housing. Mr England's former assistant Paul Hayler, who has undergone treatment for depression, has had his appeal stayed until further order. The surcharge is suspended pending the High Court challenge.

### Peter Pan and the princess

1937.

Sir James "JM" Barrie, author of Peter Pan, was revealed yesterday to have undertaken an unusual royal collaboration. When Princess Margaret unveiled a plaque commemorating the 85th anniversary of Peter Pan's statue in Kensington Gardens,

she recalled how she was befriended, at the age of three, by the celebrated writer. Sir James was so impressed with the young princess that he used her words in a play and paid her 14 newly minted pen-

nies by way of royalties. Princess Margaret explained how Sir James sat next to her at her third birthday party and later wrote a description of their meeting for Cynthla Asquith's book The King's Daughters.

He said: "Some of her presents were on the table, simple things that might have come from the sixpenny shops, but she was in a frenzy of glee over them, especially about one to which she had given the

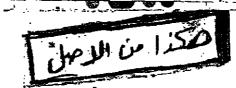
place of honour by her plate. "I said to her as one astounded, "Is that really your very own?' and she saw how ! envied her and immediately placed it between us with the words 'It is yours and

Soon after the party, the princess heard someone speak of him, and remarked: "I know that man. He is my greatest friend, and I am his greatest friend." Barrie incorporated the phrases in his

last play, The Boy David, and when he next met the Princess, agreed that, as a collaborator in the production, she would receive a penny for each performance. The play closed after a short run and Sir

James assumed Margaret had forgotten his promise. However, in 1937, her father, George VI, wrote Barrie a playful reminder that, if he did not pay up, he would hear from the royal solicitors.

So the writer drew up a formal agreement to pay, which still exists in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle. It was the last thing Barrie wrote. He died on 19 June,



### My brief encounters of a lasting kind on road to the House

Yvette Cooper, Independent journalist and prospective MP, describes her baptism of fire in pursuit of a seat

"This lady wants your mum and dad to vote for her". The words are clear-leaflets and posters have been printly and brightly pronounced. "She's going to be ..." the headmaster checks himself. "She wants to be our MP. Does any one know what MP stands for? Member of Par ...?" Three or four high-pitched voices finish the word for him: "Par-lecment." "What do Members of Parliament do?" continues the headmaster. A child at the front pipes up:

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They belp people." That's right, responds the head, while I reel from the direct hit. Cynicism, disillusion and hostility: all these I am braced for, but a burst of straightforward trust knocks me hetween the eyes. Recovering composure, I try a question myself: "Can anyone name the political parties?"

Eight hands pump up into the air. shoulders and bodies straining to catch up with them. Perhaps the question was too easy. "Labour," hearns the first child I nod at, and the other seven hands descend. There is a puzzled pause. "Any other parties?" prompts the class teacher from the corner. Apparently not - not as far as these 32 Pontefract six-year-olds are concerned, anyway. Even after another pause, and a lot more encouragement, the best they can do is one tentative suggestion from a girl at the back: "New Labour, Miss?" I suppress a grin, and we move on to

the next classroom. Here in Pontefract and Castleford, the constituency that selected me as its Labour candidate just over three weeks ago. Conservative voters don't crop up much on the campaign trail. Our job here is not to persuade waverers, but to get the Labour vote out. the first infants' school I visited, the bit of passive smoking at the work-herself, or with something. Whatever a lovely lass. One elderly woman ex-My task, as a new face, is that I am head teacher told me the first task ing-men's club.) Alcohol: 4 units. I say she spits back a comment. All plains, as we leave, how her moth-

voters and supporters. Days are par-celled up and distributed too. I handed activists and councillors in every corner of the constituency a package of time to fill for me with local visits and events.

On day one I visited two factories, a technical college, a day centre for the elderly and a line-dancing class. Day two took me through four schools, three pensioners groups, a working-men's club and a barber's. I have kicked off for Castleford Rugby League and called the first line

At every stage I am chaperoned by dark suits - predominantly burly men, be they councillors, local union activists, or party organisers. Jacketed and resetted, they are lethal with a roll of stickers. The protective warmth and enthusiasm with which

low citizen.

Campaigning for votes means en- along the way, I remember to eat; but tering, however briefly, the lives of the people you seek to represent. Some of those lives aren't easy. At me: Cigarettes: none (apart from a

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they watch out for my welfare is as-tonishing — especially given that we met less than a month ago. But then meeting strangers is all

I have done for weeks now. I assume it gets easier with practice: pressing the flesh. The challenge is the first few lines of conversation. Waffle, and people smell it. Dissemble, and they fend you from the judgement of a fel-Nor is there any way to stick to soft

for the caretaker each morning was Calories; not enough. Hands shakto sweep the used needles from the en: 70. v good.

Next stop, the world of work: pits playground. Over half the children arriving in the nursery class have as miners finish their shift, a clothspeech problems, because - a party member suggested - no one at home has been talking to them properly. It could have been a dismal en-

counter, listening to tales of abuse, drugs and woe. But the head teacher and the governors were brimming with determination and optimism about what they could achieve, not sense it. There is nowhere to hide, least through the parenting classes no unwritten rule of politeness to de- and literacy classes they were pursuing for local mums and dads. Leaping swiftly forward through

the lifecycle, we pass junior schools and soppy tasks like kissing babies. and comprehensives. Somewhere not often and not much. Bridget Jones would be proud of

my mouth. Lips pursed, arms tight-

ly folded, eyes flickering up to the ceiling, she looks like a teenager who

is being told off by a teacher.

ing factory where rows of women stitch and snip, several chemical factories, and a dark and clanking

politicians are the same; none of hem have done anything about that bit of wasteland round the back of the home; who do I think I am, coming in from outside; why won't anyone raise her pension; and on and on. It is a delicate situation to hanglass factory. At the pensioners' day dle. Weaken under her hostility and centre where we stop for tea, one the crowd will all sense it and crow.

er insisted on being carried to the polling station as she was dying. "She never missed a vote. Nothing would stop her. That's how we were taught. Our family fought, you know - for the miners, for the Labour Party. I'll never vote anything else." This deeply religious attitude to voting is a severe contrast to the

glazed eyes of younger voters. One of the final campaign stops is at a youth club in the south of the constituency, where they are holding a mock election. Try as I might, I cannot tempt any of the teenagers into talking to me about politics. So we woman is determined to draw blood. Fight back and they will close ranks stick to who-fancies-who. The She is seething even before I open and lynch me. Ride it, ever reason-14-year old Labour candidate is a bit able, and sooner or later the pack of a heart-throb, it seems, so that presumably explains his support. But the Socialist Labour candidate has done turns on their own. By the time we left, Mrs Pursed-Lips had been better, targeting the 11-year-old boys on bikes who are swiftly bribed roundly trounced by everyone in the And she is furious with me or with room and the candidate pronounced herself, or with something. Whatever a lovely lass. One elderly woman exinto sabotaging the other candidates posters. Be it the teenagers

love-life, or the pensioners' operation, I am amazed at people's willingness to tell politicians their life stories at the touch of a knuckle. And then, on the eve of polling day I am reminded why they do it. A woman we have met briefly in the pub on the way home tells about her severely disabled son, who has become too heavy for her to carry upstairs to the bathroom. But she can't get the help

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

she needs to adapt her house. Is there anything, she asks, that I can do? Real-world responsibility drenches me suddenly like a cold shower. I promise to do whatever I can to help, without any idea how much difference an MP can make in a case like this. Labour's policy handbook provides no clues on the mat-ter. This, poking up between the stickers and the handshakes, is the important stuff; as the Pontefract sixyear-old told me at the beginning, "helping people".



Hopeful: Yvette Cooper, Labour candidate for Pontefract and Castleford, meets the people in Castleford town centre

6 A burst of straightforward trust

knocks me between the eves 9





### Drawn to the truth: Cartoons chart women's battle for equality

The cartoon dates from 1928. The Parliament of the future", it says, under a picture of an all-female House. If only, the sisternale House. It only, the sisters of the Nineties might reply.

The image is one of 145 in an exhibition drawn together by the Fawcett Society, the equality campaigners, spanning 130 years, which opens today. The

aim of Fawcett's Funny Girls -Cartooning for Equality was to show through the cartoons women's battle for equal rights. But when they came up with the idea, the society had no idea whether that would be feasible.

Diane Atkinson, a historian and the show's curator, sifted 5,000 images, from Low, Giles and Mel Calman to Posy Simmonds, to discover it was. Fortunately, though the point of some old jokes was lost in time. others still carried a message. "I think they are quite a good barometer of the issues, Dr Atkinson said "And I believe I've managed to cover quite a long time span quite economically through these images."

What can be seen is the rise of the Suffragette movement, the changes in attitude after the awarding of the vote to women and the subsequent struggle for equal rights. The subjects are not only politics at Westminster but, in a broader sense, in the workplace and home. A Punch in Parliament as a joke in itself Westminster railings in the cartoon in 1853 was one of the to the moment when a woman manner of a Suffragette. His



'Constable, would you mind removing that suffragette from the railings?' Women on top: Heath, defeated by Thatcher, depicted as a chained Suffragette

carliest to feature a woman MP. finally came out on top. When It was, Dr Atkinson said, "a . Margaret Thatcher beat Edbizarre, almost surrealistic im- ward Heath to lead the Tories, age to the mid-Victorians".

the occasion was marked with Then humour turned full cir- a cartoon showing her pointing cle from the thought of women to Sir Edward chained to the

hanners read "Keep Women Out Of The Top Spot" and "A Woman's Place Is In The

Some things never change. Attacks on the appearance of women politicians are shown to come and join the Fawcett." have a historical precedent in a

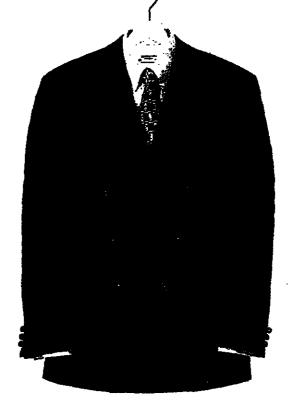
fragettes as so ugly they have never been kissed. "It's one of those clichés they recycle all the time - you must be a sad lesbian with a moustache." Dr Atkinson said. Despite the sexism, she said, the exhibition and accompanying book were not anti-male, nor angry and strident, "I'm not a woman who hates men - I am married to one." Shelagh Diplock, director of the Fawcett Society, said the cartoons reflected how far women have come and how much was still to be won.

But they also showed feminists had a sense of humour. "I wanted to show that we don't take ourselves seriously all the time. The battles of the sexes is often presented as earnest and hostile. But I'm a great believer in using humour to get people to re-think their ideas."

The date for launching the exhibition, at The Pump House People's History Museum, Manchester, was chosen 18 months ago but could not have been more appropriate. The exhibition goes to Glasgow in July and to London in October.

Mrs Diplock said: "I hope everyone will laugh but come away thinking This has been a long hard struggle, and where are we now? Yes, things have changed, but how much? Then, having thought about it, they'll Or stand for Parliament.

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### Snowdrop withers but battle to curb guns lives on

**Mark Rowe** 

The Snowdrop Campaign, which started life on an antiquated decorator's trestle table in the numb days that followed the Dunblane massacre, and acted as a potent voice for the anti-gun lobby led by the victims' parents, was finally wound up as the nation went to the

polls yesterday. Launched within weeks of the day - 13 March, 1996 - when Thomas Hamilton shot dead 16 primary school children and their teacher, the campaign took its name from the only spring flower in bloom when the tragedy took place. Its message captured the public mood of disquiet at existing firearms legis-lation. Later, its co-ordinator,

Ann Pearston, described it as one of the most successful single-issue campaigns ever seen in the UK.

The founders, who organised a petition of more than 750,000 signatures, now plan to give their support to the Londonbased pressure group, the Gun Control Network, which was set up after the Hungerford masacre in 1987.

Mrs Pearston said recently: "We feel we have done all we can and now it's time to call it a day. A lot of people picked up a pen and signed our petition. now we'd like them to pick up a pen and join the Gun Control Network to continue the fight." Snowdrop was started from behind an old decorator's table

in Stirling, when Mrs Pearston.

Jacqueline Walsh and Rosemary Hunter invited people to sign a petition calling for a ban on the private ownership of handguns.

Mrs Pearston, who did not suffer any personal tragedy at Dunblane, got involved be-cause she had lived for 18 months in the city.

Another person involved in the campaign was Dr Mick North. The university lecturer

lost his five-year-old daughter Sophie, his only child, in the tragedy. His wife, Barbara, had died of cancer when Sophie was just three.

Dr North, 49, was the first bereaved parent to speak out just nine days after his daughter's

Lord Cullen's public inquiry was the first major hurdle facing the families at the end of May 1996. They made their first above .22 calibre. After a com-

public call for a total handgun han at the end of the inquiry. It coincided with the Snowdrop Petition, with more than 700,000 signatures, being hand-

The findings of the Cullen In-quiry last October failed to recommend a total ban on handguns but the Government went further when they banned all private handguns, but only

plete ban was rejected by the Commons, Tony Blair promised that a Labour government would legislate for a total ban on handguns, with a free vote

One of the last acts of the Snowdrop campaign was to screen an advert at cinemas across Britain. The 40-second film, which showed a humanshaped target being blown apart. by pistol shots, involved a voice-

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over by 007 legend Sean Con-

nery.
The Snowdrop campaign also launched an anti- handgun poster last month featuring a blackboard with "ban all handguns" written in chalk in a

child's handwriting. The decision to wind up the Snowdrop campaign follows divisions within the campaign over how long it should continue as a pressure group.

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Time to stop: In the wake of the Dunblane massacre, 80 per cent of handguns have been banned. Now, the campaign has served its purpose, says Ann Pearston, a founder. Photograph: SDR

Countdown to ban

13 March 1996: Thomas Hamilton kills 16 children and their teacher before turning gun on himself.

17 March 1996: Mothering Sunday Parents call for ban on private ownership of hand-guns. By end-month, Snowdrop petition gathers national

29 May 1996: Lord Cullen's inquiry begins

July 3 1996: Dunblane lam: ilies hand in 750,000 signal ture petition calling handguns ban

October 1996: Lord Cullent report presented to parise ment

November 1996: Government defeats attempts to outlaw all handguns, including 22 calibre pistols, in vote on Firearms (Amendments) Bill December, 1996: Dunblane children singing Knockin' on Heaven's Door goes to No.1 in the pop charts

27 February 1997: Handgun ban becomes law. Covers all handguns above 22; requires destruction of 160,000 of 200,000 legal handguns

May 1997: Snowdrop campaign wound up; hands over lobbying for total ban to Gun Control Network

#### DAILY POEM

#### Book Ends (i)

By Tony Harrison

Baked the day she suddenly dropped dead we chew it slowly that last apple pie.

Shocked into siceplessness you're scared of bed. We never could talk much, and now don't try.

You're like book ends, the pair of you, she'd say, Hog that grate, say nothing, sit, sleep, stare . . . The "scholar" me, you, worn out on poor pay,

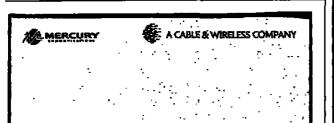
only our silence made us seem a pair. Not as good for staring in. blue gas, too regular each bud, each yellow spike.

A night you need my company to pass and she not here to tell us we're alike!

Your life's all shattered into smithereens.

Back in our silences and sullen looks, for all the Scotch we drink, what's still between's not the thirty or so years, but books, books, books.

Tony Harrison will be reading "Book Ends" just before 2200 today on Radio 3. All the poems that have appeared this week come from his Selected Poems (Penguin, £6.99). ©Tony Har-





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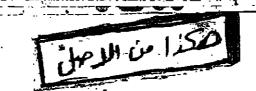
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### Down's mother wins £300,000 in damages

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

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The mother of a Down's Syndrome child who was refused a screening test is to receive £300,000 damages after the Ministry of Defence, the department responsible for the hospital, agreed to an out-of-court settlement of her negligence

Sandra Hurley, who is now 42, had told Mr Justice Hooper that if she had she known of her son Matthew's condition, she

would have terminated the pregnancy.

Mrs Hurley, who was 35 at the time of the pregnancy, claimed that a doctor at Louis Margaret Maternity Hospital, Aldershot, Hampshire, was negligent in telling ber that the chances of having a Down's Syndrome haby were no greater than if she

The damages will help Mrs Hurley provide a good quality of life for Matthew, who was seven in June, and her two other children. She will also receive her legal costs. Experts said the size of the sendement, without admission of liability on the fourth day of the trial, indicated that her legal team were confident of winning while the de-fendants expected to lose. The case is bound

to be carefully studied by health providers. Mrs Hurley, from Aldershot, said Matthew was in good health and was doing well at school. "I can't tell you how pleased I am. If I'd had the test, I wouldn't have gone through with the pregnancy. But now he's here. I love him with all my heart

and wouldn't be without him." She had gone with her husband to her



Sandra Hurley: Claims she was mislead over chance of having Down's baby

• If the test had come back positive, I would have had a termination in days 9

GP to ask for an amniocentesis test. When she went to the hospital, she said, she was advised of the 1-per-cent risk of the test causing the abortion of a healthy foetus and told that the hospital did not offer it to women of 35 because of the cost.

Her counsel, Richard Davies QC, told the court that the information was "clearly substandard" because statistics showed that a 35-year-old woman had up to a threeand-a-half times greater risk of giving birth to a Down's syndrome child than a woman aged 26.

Mrs Hurley said: "If I had had the test and it had come back positive I would have had a termination within days. There is no doubt about that. But he refused to give me the test and I was prepared to take the

risk that it would cause me to miscarry." The hospital doctor, Lawrence Roberts, who left the army with the rank of Lt Col. told the court he would never have told Mrs Hurley that her risks of having a Down's syndrome child were the same as that of a woman of 26. But he would have said during the "routine consultation" that the dangers were not "automatically higher in absolute terms than if she was 26". The risks of Down's syndrome were still not "very high" in a woman of 25, he said. Mrs Hurkey's GP, Dr Anthony Raw, said he believed 35 was the beginning of serious risk of giv-ing birth to a Down's syndrome child. A woman who developed Aids after re-

ceiving a contaminated blood transfusion has received "substantial" damages from the Irish state. The unidentified married woman, a nurse from Co Kilkenny, started legal action against the Irish Blood Transfusion Service and the Department of Health. She was the first person in Ireland to be infected by a transfusion. The settlement was made without going to court. Legal observers reckoned the figure could have amounted to around £250,000.



Vocal point: Anne-Marie Owens rehearsing her role as Venus in a new Opera North production of Wagner's Tannhäuser which opens tomorrow at the Grand Theatre, Leeds. The production is by Paul Daniel, who bids farewell as music director of Opera North to take up the same position at English National Opera in London Photograph: Laurie Lewis

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11-year-olds will be introduced this year because the present marking system does not give parents enough information. As well as being told what level their children have reached. parents will be able to ask for scores which show how they have performed in reading, spelling, maths and mental

New scores for national tests for

arithmetic compared with others born in the same month. Tests for 600,000 14-yearolds begin next Tuesday and for 600,000 11-year-olds the fol-lowing Monday. Seven-yearolds are also being tested this term. At present most pupils at each age are awarded one of three levels.

Officials at the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which advises the Government on testing, said esterday that schools would not be required by law to give parents the new age-standardised scores but they hoped that most would decide to do so if parents requested them.

Schools are required to tell parents the level reached by iheir children. Seven-year-olds are expected to reach Level 2, 11-year-olds Level 4 and 14year-olds between Levels 5 and The new scores will range

has been that Level 4 is too broad-brush 🤊

rom 70-130. Nick Tate, the authority's chief executive, said: "The criticism has been that Level 4 has been too broad-brush and that to be told your child is on Level 4 along with practically every other child in the school is not giving the degree of discrimination parents want.

"The age-standardised score is a more accurate reflection of how well a child is doing in relation to other children.

A pilot last year in which seven-vear-olds were given agestandardised reading scores in reading spelling and maths had been well received, he said. However, Dr Tate said levels were a good way of measuring the comparative performance

This year new grammar, pelling and punctuation tests are being piloted for 14-year-olds and new mental arithmetic tests are being tried out for 11- and 14-year-olds.

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End of the road: After weeks of relentless campaigning, the party leaders can only put down their political arms, sit back and wait

# Security fears cast cloud on Labour's poll idyll

Crime Correspondent

The police and security services will be on high alert today amid fears that the IRA may choose the first day of the new government to continue its campaign of disruption.

Polling passed off peacefully yesterday following an unprecedented package of security measures, including the use of armed police officers at the Labour leader's home seat of Sedgefield, where police took the highly unusual step of using officers armed with Heckler and Koch automatic weapons, and wearing bullet-proof vests, to patrol the village and polling station at Trimdon, Co Durham.

A police spokesman said a small number of armed officers had been used in the Durham force's area for several weeks as part of the heightened security alert, and that the officers used yesterday were for Tony Blair's protection, rather than

for voters going to the polls. It made for an incongruous scene. Mr Blair in shirtsleeves, his wife, Cherie, and their children, Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn, 9, looked relaxed under clear blue skies as they strolled to the tiny, flowerbedecked polling station at Trimdon Colliery Community

Amid the wild scenes of jubi-

lation at Trimdon Labour Club

ular cause to celebrate - the

men responsible for creating

began over beer and football

one evening in 1983. Mr Blair

was desperate to be selected as

a candidate and had resorted

Theirs is a strange story that

Steve Boggan

Tony Blair the MP.

**Kathy Marks** 

Back in the bosom of his con-

stituency yesterday after six

gruelling weeks on the cam-

paign trail, John Major spent

possibly his last day as Prime Minister visiting the party faith-

ful in Huntingdon, the place

where he began his journey to

Downing Street.
On a whirlwind tour of his

home territory, he exuded con-

fidence and good humour. Per-

haps he was relieved that it was

all over bar the voting, or per-

haps he was contemplating the

virtues of a quieter life. Cer-

tainly, he looked nothing like a

man facing a rendezvous with

find the fields opposite his

home bathed in sunshine.

Posters bearing his name

omen for democracy," he said

The weather was "a good

bopped in the hedgerows.

Mr Major had woken up to

police officers. Outside the Blairs' home - a large Victorian house situated half-way down a tiny dirt track - two officers. again in bulletproof vests and cradling automatic weapons, stood guard all day.

We never discuss the specifics of security, but, along with other forces, we increased our anti-terrorism measures in the run-up to Christmas," said George Oliver, spokesman for Durham Constabulary. "There has been an increase in the public appearance of armed officers over the past few weeks along certain routes. Naturally, security for the

rincipals in the election has to be taken seriously and it has been heightened in recent weeks because of the [terrorist] problems that have happened across the country. Extra police officers were on

duty at many of the country's 45,000 polling stations, and covert surveillance operations were carried out, along with bomb searches at the counting

But anti-terrorist officers believe that today is a more likely target. The IRA may be tempted to seize the new government's attention by staging a series of bomb threats in the first hours of power. Any motorway, railway and airport closures will have added impact

to travelling round Britain

The last constituency in the

country to nominate a candi-

with a list of Labour branch

secretaries, he travelled north

and began knocking on doors.

Eventually, John Burton, the

secretary of Trimdon branch,

9 Front Street South, drinking

\*We were sitting there, at

After casting his vote at the vil-

lage hall in Great Stukeley,

about half a mile from his house,

he pronounced himself "entire-

ly relaxed" as he posed for pho-

tographs with his wife, Norma,

and Lord Archer of Weston-

super-Mare, who had earlier

joined them for breakfast.
"We've had the political de-

bate during the campaign, now it's up to people to make up their minds," he said.

"I think everyone has done

By mid-morning, Mr Major

was wilting in the heat. Visiting

the home of his constituency

chairwoman, Sophie Clegg, to

thank party workers for their

efforts, he discarded his suit

On this most testing of days,

the Prime Minister did not need

jacket with visible relief.

their best to get the message across. There's a lot at stake,

there's a lot at risk."

agreed to see him.

begging for nominations.

last night, five men had partic- date was Sedgefield, so, armed

The job done,

Major heads

home to wait





Armed escort: The Blair family leaving the well-guarded polling station in Sedgefield after voting

as all route-ways are expected to be clogged with people travelling for the Bank Holiday

There is also a precedent for a post-election hit. The night after John Major's victory in the 1992 general election, terrorists carried out two "spectaculars" with massive bomb blasts in the

the IRA detonated a massive car bomb in the heart of the City, killing three people and injuring 91. The bomb at Staples Corner injured no one but caused extensive damage.

A spokesman for the West Midlands police, who have had to cope with several of the recent coded telephone warnings.

beer and watching football

when John said to us: 'There's

tonight. Wants us to nominate

him. " recalled Peter Brookes.

41, one of the five men present.

hope he doesn't ruin the foot-

ball.' He came in, we gave him

a beer and told him we'd talk

to him after the game. He's told

us since that he had sat in his

car outside, wondering what he

"I remember thinking, 'I just

a young lad coming to see us door, and he very nearly turned

Sundowners: John Major with 102-year-old Matilda Barlow

naturally.

that Friday is a more likely target than polling day. 'A Bank Holiday weekend

on the first day of a new government is a choice target. With this in mind we are a number of

their ability to bring mayhem to motorways, the railways and air services with coded telephone calls, some warning of genuine devices, some merely

6 A Bank Holiday weekend on the first day of a new government is a choice [terrorist] target 9

A vast number of both covert and overt security operations were used vesterday to try and ensure that nothing prevented

Last Friday, the Home Of-

Party's folklore.

his nomination.

party workers and to drum up ficers in the constituencies of England and Wales unprecea few extra votes. At Trimdon Labour Club, dented advice on how to minwhere he was due to make his imise disruption in the event of first speech as Prime Minister. bomb threats. there were scenes of excited an-Similar advice went to offi-

cials in the Scottish and Ulster constituencies. The party leaders and other

prominent politicians were all closely shadowed yesterday by armed, plain-clothes officers. In one of the few incidents

yesterday to involve the police, a 19-year-old man was arrested at a polling station in Peterborough Cambridgeshire, on suspicion of impersonating another voter. Back in Trimdon, the Labour

leader kept his promise not to take anything for granted, even on the day of the polls, and visited several parts of his con-

charm fails to win Jack Russell's vote Barrie Clement

Ashdown

Paddy Ashdown's leisurely polling day was disrupted by a small female Jack Russell who seemed to be less than impressed by the Liberal Democrat leader.

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When Mr Ashdown sought to work his electoral magic on the little mite as he arrived at the polling station in Norton sub Hamdon, in Somerset, the fouryear-old bitch lunged at him, Mr Ashdown's own dog, Lukus proved unable to protect his master.

The aggressive terrier was in the arms of a villager, Prue Bid-dle, who said her pet was not dangerous and usually growled at people. Mr Ashdown's aides were at pains to point out, that contrary to some reports, the Liberal Democrat leader was not bitten by the animal.

The polling station was at the Westland helicopter social club just a few hundred yards away from Mr Ashdown's home, a small, biscuit-coloured terraced cottage where he lives with his wife, Jane.

The couple yesterday cast a proxy vote for their 31-year-old daughter who lives in France and who two weeks ago produced their first grandchild, called Mathias.

Mr Ashdown's daughter sent him a polling-day fax from France saying that yesterday the French were celebrating St Jeremy's Day. Mr Ashdown pointed out that his real name was Jeremy, he was given the name Paddy by contemporaries at his fee-paying school because of his Irish accent. His father farmed in Ulster.

champagne drunk tonight," said Colin Thompson, the band's guitarist. "I'll try and get Tony up to play - but then, I've On the ballot form in his Yeovil constituency, the Liberal Democrat leader was styled "I think you could say he's John Jeremy Durham Ashdown (commonly known as Paddy).

Having left the polling booth, Mr Ashdown was asked which candidate he had opted for. He said: "I never tell people which way I have voted."
Mr Ashdown, who has a no-

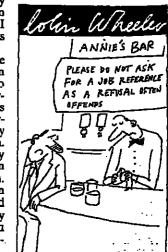
tional 14.8 per cent majority over his nearest - Tory - rival, spent most of yesterday touring and Ilminster in blazing sunshine. He has declared his confidence that his party has secured a historic breakthrough, especially in the West

Country. After addressing politics students at a sixth-form college in Taunton and eating a private dinner with family and friends, he watched the exit polls on television before making his

way to the count.

The result was expected at around 2am this morning and then the Liberal Democrat leader was scheduled to be driven back to London to the pared about Chris Patten for a long ty headquarters by officers of time. since Mr Hamilton's the Special Branch at Jam. Last night, the Ashdowns' local pub served free election-night cocktails called Jane, Norma and Cherie, after the wives of

the three main party leaders. Mrs Ashdown said that she did not know what went into the cocktails, only that the beverage named after her was a bright Liberal Democrat yellow.



#### City of London and at Staples Corner at the southern end of In the Baltic Exchange attack

security operations going on."

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But Mr Blair staved and

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The five - Mr Burton, who

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around and went home."

42 votes to 41.

for explosive devices ahead of opening at 7am. additional police officers were on guard and voters faced the prospect of

Brookes, Paul Trippett. Terry

Ward and Simon Hoban - have

since passed into the Labour

in the days after the meetin

Mr Burton put Mr Blair up in

his house, Mr Brookes lent him

a car and Mr Trippett took time

off work to drum up support for

to attend last night's celebration

but his place was taken by Phil

Only Mr Hoban was unable

Polling stations were scoured

Proud time for five who found Blair his seat Wilson, who joined the cam-

> A lot of people think new Mr Brookes. "Well it isn't. It was conceived here. It represents the same values as the people of Trimdon have - they are traditional Labour voters but they desperately wanted to see change. Tony got many of his ideas from talking to the

through all the dogma and simply found out what people want. That is why he has been de to sav u Margaret Thatcher did was bad, but he wants to put right what was bad.

people here. He has cut

ticipation. A bank of 16 televi-

sion sets was set up to allow 400

members and guests to watch the results roll in. Federation, a

Gateshead brewery, had arr-

anged an election special to help the party along - beer at 79p a pint - and the John Wrightson rock 'n' roll band had

been booked for the night.
"There'll be a few bottles of

been trying to get him up since

1983 without success.

"That night, when he came in, we knew we had met someone special. We were right and he deserves the chance to show the country what he can do."

### Patten 'in line for Tatton seat'

Jojo Moyes

Tory activists in Tatton tried to secure waverers' votes by promising that Neil Hamilton would be replaced by the former Tory chairman Chris Patten, The Independent has learned.
One local resident said she

been told by Tory canvassers that whatever her personal feelings about Mr Hamilton, the former minister at the centre of sleaze allegations, she should vote for him "this time round" as he would be out after the Downey report.

Then, instead of Martin Bell and the "Hampstead Mafia", Tatton Conservatives would have a new Tory MP in the form of Mr Patten, who will give up the governorship of Hong Kong

Another Tatton Conservative Association source told The Independent that it was "fairly common knowledge". Mr Hamilton's Conservative supporters, he said, were "absolutely desperate. They'll say anything that's legal to get him

He added: "It's been moot-

adoption meeting. But to be perfectly honest it's absolute rubbish.

He even speculated that the promise was being made with Mr Hamilton's approval.

"I'll believe he'll stop at

nothing to get elected. If that means that his people are saying 'don't worry, because if Neil's found guilty of any wrongdoing he'll resign', I'm sure that he sanctioned it. I don't think he thinks there's anything wrong with that."
Mr Hamilton's supporters, he

said, are making the promise on the basis of a letter he sent to two prominent local Conservatives assuring him that if he was found guilty of bribery and corruption, or if he permanently lost the whip, he would resign. But the source said many Conservatives felt Mr Hamilton

had sidestepped the question. "What we actually asked him for is that if he was found guilty of wrongdoing, dishonesty or criticised, he would resign and obviously he's not prepared to do that."

#### later, adding there were signs to trouble himself at least with ford Abbots, a 102-year-old to wish Mr Major luck. Labour moves HQ from Walworth Road to Millbank election campaign. Labour oc-cupies 25,000 square feet of of-

Political Correspondent

Tony Blair is to cut the final link with Labour's past by moving his party headquarters from Walworth Road in south London to its riverside media centre next to the Tate Gallery.

The move to Millbank Tower will have a strong symbolism for left-wingers who resent the power of its campaign co-ordinator, Peter Mandelson. They have christened Mr Mandelson and his fellow-modernisers the

"Millbank Tendency". There could also be controversy over the name of the new headquarters - the Walworth Road building was renamed John Smith House in 1994, after the party's former leader. A Labour spokesman said the

party planned to give its Mill-

bank headquarters the same

name, but last night the owners, Legal & General, said it had no right to do so.

the outcome in his own seat. At

the previous election be had the

largest Conservative majority in the country, 36,230. This is a

constituency of picturesque vil-

lages which could easily have in-

spired Mr Major's nostalgic

vision of a Middle England of

warm beer and cricket pitches.

Wyton, there were small chil-

dren to pose with; in Heming-

On a brief stopover in

Several government departments have offices in the same building along with companies such as Vickers, the engineering firm which built it. It is thought they might object to the change.

Further trouble might be afoot because since Labour started work on its media centre in 1995 it has become a historic listed building. Completed in 1963, it was

woman complete with blue suit

who had voted at every election

since 1928 - Tory every time,

Labour activists in Stevenage

the previous day, Huntingdon

was a dream for Mr Major's

minders. "This is how a walk-

about should be - dead easy."

one of them muttered as ador-

ing supporters crowded round

After the clashes with

among 40 post-war listed buildings picked for listing by English Heritage and is grade II listed, putting it among the top 5 per cent of historic buildings in Britain. Any changes - including new name plaques – would have to be approved by the Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council.

Legal & General's spokesman confirmed that Labour had taken out a further five-year option on the tower, but east doubt on the possibility of a name-change. "In our view they have no re-

Photograph: Tom Pilston

Lord Archer hung about in

the background looking dis-

consolate. Asked about the

prospects of a Conservative

victory, he replied: "We pray,

but I refuse to get optimistic."

spend the afternoon at home.

All that remained was to wait

for the votes to be cast and

counted, and to hope that the

pollsters could yet be con-

Mr Major was planning to

naming rights outside the building. They haven't said anything to us about that. Anything they want to do with the outside of the building would have to be discussed with us," he said. The Millbank project had

start that it was to be the party's headquarters. Although it was supposed to accommodate only the press office plus extra staff during the election, it can take up to 300 people - easily enough for the party's entire staff.

About £2m was spent on refurbishing two floors of the building, which houses the auditorium used for press conferences throughout the

fices, for which it has paid more than £500,000 over the past two years. The rent will go up later this year from £13.40 per square foot to £15.00. Although Labour only moved to Walworth Road from

Transport House in 1981, the decision to leave the headquarters will be a poignant one for many. Milibank has in-

creasingly been seen as the home of new Labour, while the party's roots remained in the building near Elephant and Castle in south London

However, Millbank Tower is five minutes walk from Westminster and has a commanding view of the Thames, while Walworth Road is two miles away and can boast only the lurid pink Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre.

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The campaign for 'yes"

votes in a referendum for a

Scottish parliament is already

in motion and preparing for its

formal launch in a fortnight's

Partnership for a Parliament

of saturation campaigning.

# Ashdown charm fails to win Jack Russella

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A minicab driver, Gerry, in Ilford, an Essex constituency Labour hopes to win, had been told that Tony Blair's victory would be followed by free travel for all on London Transport. Why should he vote Labour and put his livelihood in danger? He could not bring himself to vote Conservative, so he would not vote at all. He is also AND STATES

1994 European Parliament elections as a "Literal Democrat\*. Because bis name appeared above the real Liberal Democrat candidate's name on the ballot paper's alphabetical list he took 10,000 votes and stopped the party from

Election? What

election? – the

don't know factor

Scots line up for referendum battle warfare of the past six weeks in the hope of building an alliance Barely will election posters of politicians from all parties as have been torn from the lampwell as business, trade unions posts in Scotland before voters

election dust has settled. George Robertson, for one, Labour's spokesman for Scotland, would like to see pro-devolution Tories and Scottish National Party (SNP) members joining a broad coalition for a double yes vote - one for the Parliament and one for tax

and the churches once the

In a lecture 10 days ago, away from the heat of the hustings, Mr Robertson looked forward to a "more consensual model of politics" emerging in Scotland, notably as a result of the proportional representation system proposed for the par-

"I appreciate that for all of the political parties this will come as something of a culture shock - but it will ultimately be to Scotland's advantage if we can end the adversarial, yahboo politics which has come to typify Westminster," he said. However a parliament on Edinburgh's Calton Hill is still some years off - 1999 is the target date - and for the next six months compaigners will be focused on the referendum

planned for the autumn. Partnership for a Parliament is the working title of the organising group for yes votes to the devolution scheme drawn up by the Scottish Constitutional Convention.

A catchier title will emerge before the launch on 15 May. A Tory victory would wreck the timetable but prospect of an alliance for reform would still be

Chaired by Glasgow busi-nessman Nigel Smith and with Esther Roberton, former co-ordinator of the Convention, as acting organiser, the group has set up a small office within walking distance of the proposed parliament building. Some £130,000 has been

together with a contribution for research from the Joseph Rowniree Reform Trist.

Four places have been left vacant on the steering group for Conservative and SNP figures to complete the spread of civic, political and business leaders involved.

Political parties are not formally represented but the group certainly has the support of Mr Robertson and Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish

the blessing of the Constitutional Convention, which remains in being as the guardian of the home rule blueprint agreed in 1995, but is deliberately keeping at arms length

from it. The Convention is anathema to the SNP and the Tories who refused to participate in its

The key questions for the referendum lobby over the next few weeks is whether Tory and

Liberal Democrats, It also has SNP members will climb aboard and the scale of any "no" campaign. Ms Roberton said yesterday that if Michael Forsyth lost his Stirling seat a well-financed "say no" group would appear quickly.

"You can be certain of it. A clear majority of Scots want constitutional change. The challenge for us is to hold on to that support in the face of a fear campaign by the opposition and also voter fatigue. said Ms Roberton.

### has bided its time during the Confusion candidates deliver their spoils

Paul McCann

The Labour Party was inundated with calls from angry supporters in five constituencies yesterday after voters discovered they had voted for candidates confusingly calling themselves New Labour.

Most complaints were being made in Hammersmith and Fulham where William Johnson Smith, the son of Tory MP Geoffrey Johnson Smith, was standing as a New Labour candidate and took votes from the real Labour candidate, lain Coleman.

In Cardiff South and Penarth the party was also receiving "loads and loads" of calls.

"I feel cheated," said Dr Anthony Young, a research biologist at St Thomas' Hospital in London. "I asked at the polling station for some clarification about which candidate was real Labour but they told me it is against the law to give any advice to voters.

I went back into the polling booth and decided that Tony Blair is always seen with New Labour behind him so that must be the right candidate." Dr Young only discovered his mistake after calling the local

Labour Party to check. "I regard myself as fairly intelligent," said Dr Young. "You only get to vote every five years. What this man has done is despicable and contemptuous. It makes a mockery of democracy." Dr Young is now trying to contact Mr Johnson Smith to tell him personally what he thinks of him.

A Labour Party spokesman said that while Hammersmith and Fulham was far down its list of target seats at 77, it was still eminently winnable without the confusion caused by Mr People Act.

After six weeks of saturation

media coverage, it is clear that

many people have been totally turned off by the general elec-tion. Some, suffering from political fatigue, have decided

to opt out altogether and not exercise their right to vote.

But, extraordinarily, it is also

the case that the entire election

blitz has passed by many people.

Some are totally unaware what

the election is about, and who is standing. Many do not have a

clue what the parties' policies are.

must win to get a majority, I met

a 22-year-old hotel worker with

a wife and two babies to sup-

port, who is earning £3 an hour. Yet the young man, who has known nothing but Tory

governments, is convinced that if Labour gets in he will lose his

housing benefit and all state

benefits would go to people on

He asked which day the elec-

tion was, and then what would

happen if Labour won. When

told the Labour leader would be

the next prime minister, he

trying to find alternate em-

ployment because of the "free

On Monday in Bedford, one of the 100 marginals Labour

which had a notional majority for the Conservative candidate. Matthew Carrington, of 7,174 from 1992.

In Cardiff South and Penarth the party confirmed that it had received calls from voters who were confused about the provenance of John Foreman, who described himself as "New Labour" on the ballot paper. Mr Foreman was an inactive member of the Labour Party, but gave the party no reason for standing against it.

"I think he just wanted to see his name on the hallot paper," said the real Labour candidate Alun Michael. The seat was a strong Labour scat with a majority of 10,000.

Other seats targeted by 'New Labour" candidates were Cannock, Hackney South and Shoreditch and Bracknell

The Conservatives too had their share of confusion candidates. In the safe Tory seat of Hove they faced an "Official Hove Conservative". And in both Brighton Pavilion and Winchester the man who started the fad for confusion candidates, Richard Huggett, was standing as a Conservative.

Mr Huggett stood in the taking the seat from the

Conservatives. The High Court later ruled that the fact that some voters might be confused by a candidates chosen words of description did not amount to a breach of the Representation of the

travel" threat. When asked

who gave him this nugget of op-

position transport policy, he re-

called that it was a customer.

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al or class grounds. The day I

met the £3-an-hour Bedford ho-

tel worker, I ran into a customer

in a bar in Fleet Street much

frequented by people alleged-ly in the know such as

A barrister was saying that he

was not going to vote Conser-vative because "they are a

shambles". But people would be

mad to vote for Labour because

"Blair would be out on his ear, with some leftic like Ken

Livingstone taking over within

people, have got no interest in

the electoral process. They do

Election Studies Group, the

body of senior psephologists,

continued: "These people have been disenfranchised because

they tend to read tabloid news-

papers, normally from back to front, and thus would not have

access to the kind of information

they would need to make

political judgements."

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wanted to know who the leader not feel an interest in the ques-

journalists and lawyers.

Political ignorance is not de-



Early riser: The first of the 48 registered voters in the hamlet of Ovington, north Essex, casting his ballot yesterday in the village's 11th-century St Mary's church. The Conservative Sir Alan Haselhurst was defending a 17,424 majority

### Belfast's ballot: a tale of two cities



Ulster's tribes maintain their loyalties to reinforce the great divide

#### David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

If there is such a thing as passive hostility it was on show at the big Whiterock polling station in West Belfast yester-day. Outside it was a shrine to Gerry Adams while inside was a Royal Ulster Constabulary stronghold. It was a little like

Fort Apache, the Bronx. Visitors could be forgiven for concluding that Adams was the only candidate standing. The Sinn Fein president's likenesses were everywhere, posters all over the lampposts and two large drawings of him tied on to the railings of the graveyard opposite. There were no non-Adams posters.

The Sinn Fein caravan outside contained six women and a girl, one of the women organising sandwiches while others nursed large pieces of cardhoard on their knees. Lists West Belfast yesterday Photograph: Martin McCullough of streets, houses and voters

had been taped to each piece

of cardboard. On some pieces various names had been highlighted in yellow. On others a variety of highlighters had been used to colour-code the names of the voters. It all looked very com-

plex and highly methodical. At the gates of the building stood nine men, all Sinn Fein supporters, some handing out leaflets, some just standing around. There were no non-Adams supporters.

Voters walked through a car park and into a hall. To get there they had to pass through a small courtyard in which stood five policemen, all with revolvers, one nursing a rifle. There were no Adams supporters among them.

The voters ignored the police officers and the police ignored the voters. No words or glances passed between them: voters and police might have been invisible to each other.

Across the city, outside a polling station on the Limestone Road, a Protestant area of North Belfast, a single relaxed policeman cooed and talked baby-talk to two toddlers in a double pram: he was mind-ing them while their mother was

inside voting.

This little segment of the city is almost 100 per cent Protestant, and its Unionist MP is assured of re-election. But the nationalist vote in the constituency as a whole is rising steadily as the Catholic population increases and the Protestant community dwindles. Many of the more mobile Protestants

have simply moved out. An Ulster Unionist councilfor lounged against the railings and worried about the demographics. "The worrying thing about this election is very few young people on our side [are] voting, very few. The vast majority here are all elderly - the

young Prods just don't vote.

"Sinn Fein, now, would be all young, they've actually galvanised the young vote on their side."

He and another councillor are ferrying Protestant old people in to vote, one of them a lady of 82. This is essentially a Protestant polling station but a hundred yards up the road is a Catholic church hall where the Catholics, some of them indeed much younger, can be seen casting their votes.

One of the Unionist councillors pointed to a junction in the road and said: "I suppose that's the interface." It is a line as imaginary as the equator but in North Belfast it is full of meaning: houses close to it have grilles on the windows to keep out the bricks.

And on each side of it Belfast's two communities could be seen, in the city's mutually exclusive worlds, trooping dutifully in to vote against each other.

### Vote, then leave the polling station. Do not hang around for cappuccino'

He apparently got this from "security sources". The same sources had also revealed to When I was 16 my two big passions were the Labour Party him that more than 40 Labour MPs were suspected former and the Manic Street Preachers. In both cases I have spent the last Soviet spies. The barrister is an year sniffing, "Yeah, I used to like them ... before they went all officer in the Territorial Army. David Denver, a reader in politics at Lancaster Universicommercial and the message was ty, said: "There is no doubt that watered down". The former, in an a lot of people, especially young attempt to woo floating Tory

voters, the latter to win over

disillusioned Celine Dion fans. I am the sad teenager who likes tion of government and effectively they have fallen outa band/political party until it looks as if they can actually win Brit awards/control of the coun-Mr Denver, convenor of the try. And, voting for the first time yesterday, I could not go with Labour. They are too corporate.

They are too Capital Radio. Instead, I voted for the most radical of the contenders: the Liberal Democrats. I voted against the Tories, for a party considerably more left wing than new Labour. I do not want to be one of those people who moans "Well, I'd vote

First-timer **Emma Forrest** strode out bravely, armed with ideals, to vote Lib Dem

for them if they had a chance of getting in." Here is a chance. I reasoned: it is mine and I am giving it to them. I walked to the polling station with a spring in my step and a newspaper in my bag because I was sure there would be queues. Nope; 9.30am and just me. Why had I got up early to wash my hair? I wanted to look

nice for the ballot box, I guess. All my life I've waited to vote. Even in my wildest dreams I never imagined it could be this ... underwhelming. The rules tacked to the wall said "Cast your vote. Leave the polling station". Do not hang around for cappuccino. I was vaguely expecting a medal. Not for voting Liberal Democrat: if my friends kept their word, I'm hardly

the only one. But for turning up at

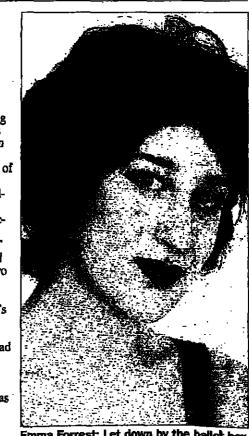
of my friends but who I also kind of want to kick in the shins are all still saying "Why bother voting?

They're all the same". They are absolutely not all the same and deciding between Labour and the Liberals was tough. It came down to single issues and personalities. Paddy Ashdown has said emphatically that the homosexual age of consent should be 16, whereas Tony Blair did not even turn up to vote on it. It reminded me that there is an element to the Labour Party

that hates gays and women. And because John Prescott was rude to me and my friend Barbara at the Brit awards, even though we love him, and drunkenly told him so. Staggering to the toilets

we spotted a big, grumpy looking man with his arms folded across his chest. "Oh my God! It's John Prescott!" I squealed, before adding "but it might just be one of Oasis's bouncers". Barbara marched up to him and demanded "Excuse me, are you John Prescott or one of Oasis's bouncers?" "I'm John Prescott" he hissed. "Oh, my mate likes you." "Oh," said John, through gritted teeth and ran like hell. Strike two against new Labour.

Don't get me wrong: I'm thrilled for Blair. I just hope he's not going to get accidentally locked in the toilet so Robin Cook can take over. And I'm glad I voted Liberal Democrat. Still, the impersonality of the voting booth, the way I was practically shoved out of the door as soon as it was done. Oh Paddy, do ring me and tell me you weren't just using me for my nubility.



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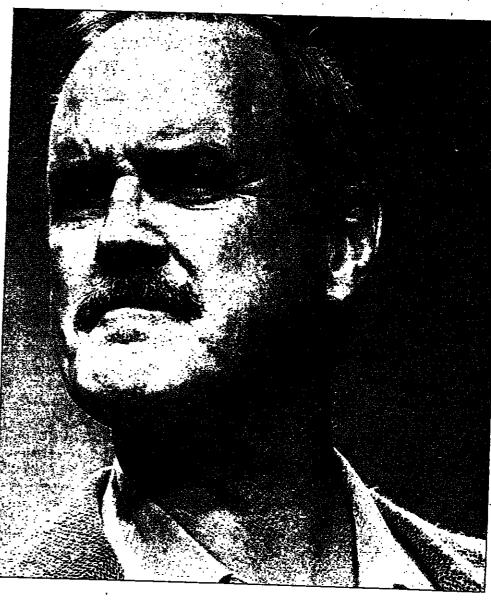
# Laughter, tears, sleaze and spin: 100 leaves





View from the top, faces in the crowd: John Major on the 50th floor of Canary Wharf (left) and (right) the Tory party faithful listen to their leader at the Royal Albert Hall, early in the campaign





High drama, Whitehall farce: Neil and Christine Hamilton on the warpath (left). John Cleese stands tall for the Liberal Democrats (right) Photographs: Peter Macdiarmid/ Nicola Kurtz



Past: Baroness Thatcher (above left) campaigns in Aldershot, Hampshire Photograph: Tom Pilston

Present: Michael Heseltine (below left) bullish in Castle Douglas, Scotland Photograph: Drew Farrell

Future? A lonely poster (right) in a field in Great Stukeley, Huntingdonshire – just a few yards from John Major's constituency home Photograph: Brian Harris





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# the long trail to the day of destiny





Arms and the man, pressing the flesh: Tony Blair embraces the electorate in Mitcham (left) and takes an opportunity to grab hold of the feel-good factor (right

Photographs: David Rose





Young hearts, tired bodies: A youthful Liberal Democrat (left). Paddy Ashdown's gruelling schedule catches up with him (right)

Photographs: Kalpesh Lathigra/ John Voos

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Dog days: A buildog (left)
is a spin-doctor's best
friend
Photograph: Andrew Buurman

Flag days: A Liberal
Democrat (above right)
gets it in the neck at a
party rally on the last day
of campaigning
Photograph: John Voos

Heady days: Labour was able to count on hundreds of Asian voters when Tony Blair arrived in Leicester Photograph: David Rose







Election exodus: Air travellers at Birmingham Airport yesterday were bent on getting to the beach rather than the polling booth

Photograph: Jason Nye

### Getaway crowd vote for the departure lounge

Democratic ennui has prompted a holiday exodus, write Lucy Ward and Jojo Moyes

Sun, sea, sangria and the promise of no swingometers yesterday drew queues of holidaymakers to flee the country on polling day for a Mediterranean break. After weeks besieged by pollsters, can-vassers and baby-kissing politicians, travellers were swapping polling cards for boarding cards in the rush to get out before the count.

Among beach-bound Midlanders

crowding the check-in desks at Birm-ingham Airport were plenty for whom packing sun-oil had proved more pressing than exercising their democratic rights. Barry Camp, a scaffolder, travelling light with just as a carry-on holdall for a week in Majorca, admitted he had been nowhere near a polling booth. "I can't be bothered. I know it's wrong really but I've got other things on my mind." Mr Camp, from Leicester, had booked his break on the eve of polling day after the six-week campaign finally frayed his nerves. "I'll be staying with a friend who runs a bar and I probably won't know and he won't till I get back."

None of the five eligible members of the Tate and Rose families, off to the Med together in matching Wolverhampton Wanderers shirts, had been out to vote before checking in. "We are sick of the election," said Denkya Tate. "We are going to Spain and we won't be phongot two weeks away from the whole

Jane and Kelly Yardley, mother and daughter, booked their week in Palma before election day was announced but were unruffled by the clash of dates.
"We've not voted - we were busy packing this morning." said Kelly, 19, an accounts trainee. "It doesn't really matter who gets in - it never makes any differwho gets in - it never makes any difference." Her mother agreed: "I am thoroughly sick of the whole thing. I'll be lying on that beach and I can tell you I won't be thinking about John Major."

Michelle Jamieson. 24, heading for Malaga with three girlfriends, admitted she had forgotten it was polling day until her mother reminded her on the serving the state of the serving the serv

til her mother reminded her on the way to the airport. "To be honest, if it came to a choice between voting and going off my head with sangria or snogging by the pool, I know which one I'd go for."

Only Marie Finn. 21, on her way to Spain, confessed to a twinge of remorse after avoiding the polling station. She confessed: "I'll feel really guilty if it all rests on one vote."

■ There's some consolation for the election losers: Thomson are offering the 3.061 unsuccessful candidates a chance to escape to Majorca, writes Sam Coates. With their spouses, they can apply for one of the 320 places available, allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

# Left-wingers slip through Blair's net

At least seven left-wingers have slipped through New Labour's tight selection net, designed to weed out possible embarrassments to a Blair government, according to a survey by The Independent.

The newcomers will add to the core of left-wing MPs, including Ken Livingstone, who plan to set up a "1997 Com-mittee" of backbenchers to form a bulwark to the leadership.

Interviewed in Red Pepper magazine in March, Mr Livingstone said the committee would be based on the Tory 1922 Committee. "The Millbank tendency will realise they need our support to get their programmes through and will find themselves under attack if they

Millbank strategists were careful to ensure that left-wing candidates remained invisible during the course of the campaign. Tony Blair's battle buses carefully avoided visiting their constituencies, preferring to be seen with candidates with solid

Blairite credentials. In safe Labour seats vacated by retiring MPs, two known leftwingers will take up their seats in the House of Commons -Hazel Blears, who stood in Salford East and Marsha Singh, the

candidate for Bradford West. In the 57 key marginals two left-wingers have been identified: Ann Cryer, widow of left-wing MP Bob Cryer, who contested Keighley (43rd on Labour's target list) and John McDonnell, a former deputy to Ken Livingstone at the GLC who stood in Hayes and Harlington (2nd on Labour's target list). The three others are Iain Coleman in Hammersmith and

The candidates who got away and may join Ken Livingstone's 1997 committee of backbenchers



(target seat number 91) Opponent: Dr Keith Hamp-

son (Con maj, 7,671) An electrical technician by trade, he has a long history on the left of the Labour Party. A member of the Communist Party until 1956, he has been a trade unionist, lay preacher and ethical socialist. He was linked to the emergence of the New Left in the 1960s and was a friend of the left-wing historian EP Thompson.

list), Paul Truswell in Pudsey (85th on the target list), and Harold Best in Leeds North West (91st on the target list).

Other candidates not seen as totally reliable by staff at Millbank Tower also failed to qualify for a visit from the leader. Some have histories the party would rather not highlight; others were avoided



Opponent: Elliot Bishop (Lab maj, 12,987) She is a solicitor and chair

of the North West Regional Labour Party, Born in Salford, she has been active in the Labour Party for 20 years in 1992 she confest ed the marginal seat of Bury South. Although she has undergone a transformation in image in recent years, she was an active left-winger during the late 1980s. She opposed the abolition of Clause IV.

Millbank choice during the selection battle.

Janet Dean, the candidate for Burton in Staffordshire known to favour traditional Labour values, did not receive a visit from Mr Blair. Local journalists described Ms Dean, a former Mayor of East Staffordshire, as a John Prescott fan who "could not really be described as new Fulham (77th on the target because the candidates beat the Labour". Campaign managers



Age: 58 Seat: Keighley, West York

Opponent Gary Waller (Con, maj 3,500) She was a researcher and personal assistant to her husband Bob Cryer MP. who died in a car accident in April 1994. Local activists were eager for her to stand in his place rather than a candidate imposed from Millbank and she finally accepted after being convinced by Tony Benn. She describes herself as a

decided instead on a visit to neighbouring Derbyshire South, where Mark Todd, a known, tigation into the background of the candidate Mike Watson suggested his only fault was to Blairite and former leader of beat a Millbank candidate, Cambridge Council is standing. Derek Scott, at selection. The

The key seat of Worcester suffered the same fate. Despite the high profile of "Worcester Woman", the stereotype of the kind of voter Labour had to win over, the leadership buses neatly missed the seat, Inves-

"lifetime rebel".



John McDonnell

deputy leader of the GLC

under Ken Livingstone. He

has called for the renation-

alisation of the railways,

water, gas and electricity

and has opposed the lead-ership on Clause IV, tax,

education and local gov-emment. He was sued for libelling Tory MP Terry Dicks after the last election

and had to pay £78,000 costs and damages.

Age: 46

Marsha Singh Age: 43 Seat: Bradford West Seat Hayes and Harlington Opponent: Andrew Retter (Con. maj 44) John McDonnell was

(Con, maj 9,502) as a senior development manager in the National Health Service. A secular socialist, Mr Singh is opposed to privatisation

> of Clause IV. Blairite, is contesting the seat. But a visit to Warrington. planned for last weekend, where Mr Blair was scheduled to kickoff a rugby match between War-

local party rejected Mr Scott because he had stood as a candidate for the SDP in 1983. Mr Blair did visit the neighbouring seat of Redditch, a mere 18 miles away, where Jacqui Smith, a well-known Mr Ron Close, the club's



Opponent: Mohammed

Marsha Singh was educated at the University of Loughborough and works and in favour of redistributive taxation. He also voted with his local constituency party against the abolition

able politician.

rington and Paris, was ditched. Labour Party officers in Warrington said the plans had been called off because the press corps could not be accommodated at the stadium, although



Paul Truswell

(Con maj, 8,972). A former journalist and local government officer in Wakefield, he is chair of the Community Benefits and Rights Committee on, Wakefield Council and a member of the civil rights group Liberty. His personal interests include health and social services, poverty and community development. He is widely respected as a principled left-winger and

spokesman, said they had been

ready to receive them. The visit was cancelled last Friday after a story accused John Prescott of physical aggression when he was asked about the departure of Doug Hoyle, the MP for Warrington North who was recently induced to stand down to make way for an alternative candidate.

Yvette Cooper (28), an In-

dependent journalist and part-ner of Ed Balls, Gordon Brown's right-hand man, was shortlisted for the seat but lost to Helen Jones, a solicitor from

Labour Party sources in Warrington say that Ms Jones described as a "traditional taxand-spend egalitarian leftwinger" - became a champion of a revolt against the imposition of candidates by Millbank. Members organised hard to

get a local candidate selected. Yvette Cooper was later selected to fight Pontefract and Castleford, a safe Labour seat with a majority of 23,495.

Batley and Spen was another

seat the Blair buses decided not to call in at. The Labour candidate, Mike Wood, was selected in July 1995 over a favoured Millbank candidate. Catherine Ashton. Barry Salmon, editor of the Dewsbury Reporter, told The Independent a visit from the leadership could have made all the difference to the campaign. Mr Wood stood against Elizabeth Peacock, the maverick Tory who has a strong personal following and made substantial mileage by opposing

the Government on key issues. Terry Tordoff, Mr Wood's agent said Tony Blair was "quietly confident" that Labour would take the seat. Switching voters were being carefully tar-geted. "Millbank have quietly told us to get on with it," he said

yesterday.

A Labour spokesman said: "All candidates supported the party's manifesto and were democratically selected under the one-member, one-vote system." Late cases were decided by a National Executive Committee by-election subcommittee which provided a shortlist of

### Brave new world for the next generation of lobby fodder . . .

Chris Moncrieff Press Association

There are few more pathetic sights than that of a new MP standing in the Members' Lobby of the House of Commons, confused and alarmed, a little boy/girl lost amid the overwhelming grandeur and majery of Parliament. A few days earlier they were

bellowing through a loudspeaker at their campaignsaturated would-be electors, feted on all sides, monarchs of all they surveyed.

Now they are cruelly brought down to size, the dazed new pupils. Lost in a myriad of corridors, not knowing which way to turn or what to do, they are pitiful figures engulfed by meaningless rules and incom-prehensible procedures, and a building which makes the Hampton Court maze seem a

cakewalk. Only 48 hours earlier, they were on the brink of putting the country to rights, and after that the world. Now. all these heady ambitions must take second place to finding the loo and A rough guide to Westminster for the 1997 intake of novice MPs

somewhere to buy a sandwich. All MPs complain, later on, that no one ever tells them what to do on arrival. Like first-time sex. one of them once told me, they thrash around in the dark and hope against hope that it will

all come right in the end. Well, they need complain no more. Here are a few tips for the wet-behind-the-ears brigade: ■ The very first essential, especially if you are in the majority party, is to find a "pair", an opponent to enable you to duck off votes together. An MP without a pair is unmistakable a fretful, sleepless individual, who is compelled to live, night

and day, at Westminster. ■ Be ingratiating, even unctuous, towards the police and uniformed doorkeepers, and especially to the MP in charge of allocating office space. They have subtle powers to make your political life hell-on-earth. Find out where the vote ofPost Office (for mail), and The Board" (for messages). Always check carefully before you respond to a call from a "constituent" in the Central

Lobby. You may find yourself

lumbered with a crank. ■ Tear up all junk-mail, do not reply-to green-ink correspondents, do not take cash for questions, and do not give your phone number to strangers. Forget about your private life. You have just ended it. Any amours on the side should be conducted with the utmost dis-

cretion, or preferably not at all.

Opt for the celibate life. ■ Don't forget that in Annie's Bar (a windowless, subterraneau dump), the haunt of backs and MPs, a round includes everyone who is in the bar at the time. Once in this "prison", you have to buy your way out. It sometimes costs hours - and a lot of money. Should you wish to escape fice is (for documents), the from the press, go to the Ter-

Other safe havens are the tearoom, the smoking room and the Members' Dining Room. But be warned: reporters tend to lurk and pounce at the most awkward moments and in the most surprising places. ■ If you want a reputation for

being cocky and arrogant. make your maiden speech early. The wisest course is to wait until you know what you are talking about. ■ Do not try to flout and crit-

icise rules which may seem pointless. If you antagonise the Speaker, your life will be a misery. And recognise now that the power of the backbencher is relatively zero. You would have more power on a parish council - and that is not a joke. ■ Always toe the party line. Remember, until and unless you

get that great call to serve on the front bench, you are simply lobby fooder as far as the whips are concerned. Indeed, however grand you become, you remain the tool of the whips, who do not care how important you think you are. Welcome to Westminster.

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

Today, dozens of defeated MPs are waking up to the realisation that it is all over. Years of hectic schedules, weeks on the hustings, a night of high anxiety and then - bang. Nothing. Those election-night scenes,

played out again last night, are familiar. The candidates ranged nervously around the returning officer, the huge cheer as the victor is announced, the magnanimous, choking speech of congratulation from the vanquished one. Many will have been ex-

pecting this, of course. But among the hardest-hit will be those who never believed they could lose. For some, there will be the added humiliation of watching the chauffeur drive the ministerial car away for the

Most will pick themselves up quickly and a few will be back on the national stage in new roles within months. Others will feel bereaved for years.

One of those in the first category in 1992 was Rosie

Hard times ahead for ousted MPs who never thought they could lose

the ranks of the vanquished

...and goodbye to all that for

Barnes, the SDP MP for through the newspaper, she Greenwich in south London. who suffered a 1,000-vote defeat at the hands of Labour's Nick Raynsford. Within two days, though, she was on the road to a new life as the director of Birthright - now Well-

being - an obstetrics charity.

While some struggle to keep
smiles on their faces, Ms Barnes
did not mind letting her disappointment show. After the count, she went to bed for a couple of sleepless hours and then got up, put on her make-up and set out for a round of pre-

arranged interviews. "When I came home, early afternoon on Friday, that was it. There was nothing left to be done," she said. "I felt sadness combined with relief."

She had prepared herself for the possibility of defeat, but the next day she felt tired and deflated. On the Sunday, her husband suggested a walk and a drink in a country pub. Flicking spotted an advertisement for the Birthright job. And that was it, she says. Back on course. No regrets. She has now left party politics completely.

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the Tory MP who lost his Birmingham Selly Oak seat to Labour's Lynne Jones in 1992, is equally at ease with his loss. He seems to bear no resentment towards the constituents he represented for 13 years, although many who backed him in public voted against him in the pri-

vacy of the polling booth. One day I met a woman who told me what a marvellous MP I had been and how I would certainly get her vote. Two days later I was canvassing her road and

there were Labour posters in her windows," he said. He knew he was going to lose, he says, despite all the encouragement he received. Boundary changes had turned his seat into

a winner for Labour. A former

stockbroker, he now works three or four days a week as chairman of an investment trust. lecturer and deputy chairman of a property company.

"It's worse for ministers.

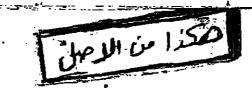
Some of them are not only los-

ing their seat but their jobs and their chauffeur-driven cars. Suddenly they are not important," he said.

While MPs with other interests bounce back easily. some do not. Clement Freud, the former Liberal MP who lost his Cambridgeshire North East seat in 1987, said yesterday that he could not cross Westminster Bridge for years because he felt

Come Monday, a number of embarrassed headhunters will be taking calls from seatless former MPs. They will spend much of the day trying to ex-plain that those highly paid city directorships are simply not there for the picking

"If you have got no other qualification except being an MP, you are 45 to 50 and you have youngsters to educate. you've got real problems," Mr



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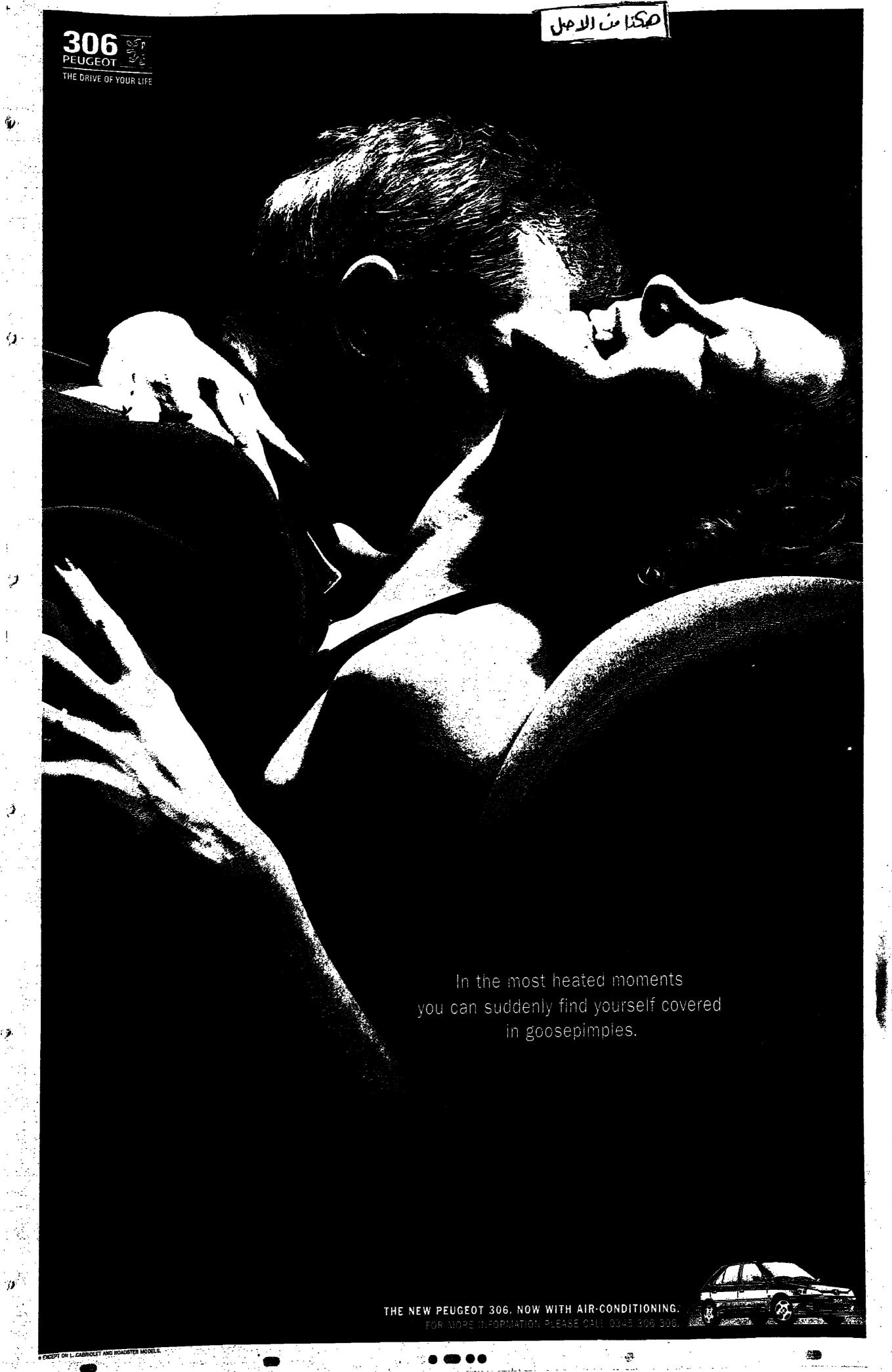
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Homeward bound: A handcuffed Archie 'Mad Dog' McCafferty under the guard of Australian police during his incarceration

### Australia puts mass murderer on flight to UK

Killer loses deportation fight after 23 years in jail

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

"Mad Dog" McCafferty, the multiple murderer being de-ported from Australia after spending 23 years in jail, is due to arrive in Britain today.

Archie McCafferty, 49, is expected to return to his home city of Glasgow after losing his ap-

peal against deportation.

McCafferty was convicted of the murder of three men and the manslaughter of a fellow isoner. He was granted parole

Despite the fact that he emigrated to Australia at the age

of 10. McCafferty never ob-tained citizenship and his pleas to remain with his elderly mother have been rejected.

Glasgow city council will be obliged to house him on his return, despite protests from local people. He is reported to be on a flight accompanied by three Australian Immigration Police officers, due to arrive at Heathrow this morning.

McCafferty murdered three men while high on drugs in 1973. He later claimed that he had heard the voice of his son, Craig, who had died aged six weeks, telling him he would be reincarnated if he killed seven

While imprisoned in Parramatta jail, he was convicted of the manslaughter of another man. His release followed an appeal for forgiveness to the relatives of his victims before the New South Wales Parole Board

in Sydney on 18 April.

He apologised for his "horrific crime" and insisted he was no longer a danger. "I realise the chaos and trauma I have created in the families of the three victims," he said. 'I can't undo what I have done, but I sincerely apologise from the bottom of

"I am a changed man and I ieserve a second chance of life. I am an older man and I am not a psychopathic killer. To keep me in jail and to keep your hatred in your hearts will destrov you too.

Psychiatric reports indicated that McCafferty was free from mental illness, and no longer heard voices. The decision to grant parole was greeted with

anger by the relatives of his victims, who shouted abuse as he

was led away. McCafferty wanted of stay in Australia, where he had been offered jobs and a right to live. But despite living in the country for 39 years, the das-tralian High Commission in London has said that bed of the length of time McCall has spent in prison, he has ne

citizenship. A spokeswoman for the Australian Department of Immigration said yesterday: "Mr McCafferty left Australia for Great Britain today. He has three escort officers with him, who will accompany him to his destination.

"He was taken from Parklea correction centre to Long Bay jail, and from Long Bay to the

As well as offering McCafferty accommodation, Glasgow city council has assigned him social workers to help start his new life. The council has a legal duty to offer assistance to released prisoners for up to 12 months if requested.

A local councillor said he obected to any moves to re-house McCafferty. Paul Martin, who represents the city's Royston district, said: "If they are so satisfied he is rehabilitated why don't they keep him in Aus-

Mr Martin said he understood McCafferty would not be given mainstream council housing, but would be offered supported accommodation of the type available to offenders freed

### Surgeon says doctors acted too late for girl

Health Editor

A leading liver transplant surgeon vesterday accused col-leagues who refused to operate on a dying 15-year-old girl of making their decision on moral rather than medical grounds.
Professor Roger Williams,

head of the liver unit at King's College Hospital, London, told a fatal accident inquiry into the death of Michelle Paul, 15, who suffered liver failure after taking half an ecstasy tablet, that worries about her family background should have played no part in the decision as to

whether to give her a transplant. Contradicting an earlier claim by the transplant surgeon Dr Hilary Sanfey, who headed the team at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Professor Williams said Michelle showed no clear sign of irreversible brain damage and she should have been put on the list for the operation. Her family claim that she was denied a transplant on moral grounds because of her mother's and sis-

ter's histories of drug taking. Professor Williams said there were indications for many days that Michelle needed a transplant and accused doctors of not reacting fast enough to her condition. If a transplant had been done promptly she would have had a 75-85 per cent chance of survival. It would still have been possible on the day before she died - 27 November 1995 - but the chances of success would have been less than 50 per cent.

Giving evidence on the sixth



Michelle Paul, 15: Died 23 days after taking ecstasy

day of the inquiry at Aberdeen Sherrif Court, Professor Williams said the pupils of Michelle's eyes were still reacting on the 26 November, the day before she died. "There were no clear signs that this pa-tient had suffered irreversible brain damage."

He added that his views would be supported by the vastmajority of hepatologists around the world and that the General Medical Council made it clear that patients should be given the benefit of the doubt in times of medical need.

Regarding the notes Dr Sanfey had made about the case, he said: "It could not have been a clearer statement of a personal opinion ... To me it is very clear that a transplant was being looked at and was excluded on the basis of the family background."
The inquiry continues.

### Arcadian idyll saved from the bulldozers

Louise Jury

Villagers from a community once described as Arcadia, the legendary Greek idyll, yesterday won a last-ditch appeal to the House of Lords to save their

The residents of Holt's Field near Swansea, west Wales, were last night celebrating their last night celebrating their success in saving their unusual of the 1977 Rent Act, of th

The 14-acre site is one of the few surviving developments of wooden chalets from between the wars. The homes have been pillars, making the properties praised by Prince Charles's ar-

chitectural magazine, Paspec-tives, for their eco-friendliness. Six years ago a property conpany, Elitestone, bought the land and announced plans to repossess a number of the

properties, demolish them and

uild luxury flats instead.

The Law Lords ruled yesterday that the residents properties from the bulldozer. turning a Court of Appeal decision that they were not protected tenants because the chalets rested on concrete

more like mobile homes.

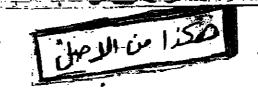
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Cooling off: A young woman jumping into the River Cherwell from Magdalen Bridge in Oxford, early yesterday morning. She was taking part in the traditional May Day celebrations

### May Ball madness as south prepares for hosepipe bans

Nicholas Schoon

By the end of this month, more than a million people will be covered by sprinkler bans if the run of dry weather continues.

A second Channel island may declare a hosepipe and sprinkler ban today because of the deepening drought. Guernsey's water board brought in island-wide restrictions on water use yesterday, the first in Britain this year, and Jersey's board will meet today to discuss whether one is needed.

Most water companies on the British mainland say there is no like-lihood of any restrictions and drought orders, provided something like average rainfall resumes. The Meteorological Office is forecasting a more normal May, after a January, March and April which were extremely dry - although February had well above average

The most vulnerable areas are in south-east England. Southern Water already has a sprinkler ban covering 830,000 customers in East and West Sussex which dates back to last

The Sutton and East Surrey Water Company, serving more than 600,000 people on London's southern fringe and green belt area, will probably be the next in line. A

sprinkler ban was being considered mospheric pollution by carbon dioxon a daily basis. "There is a strong likelihood restrictions will be necessary," he said.

The last 24 months has been the driest such period in England and Wales since reliable records began more than two centuries ago. And since 1988, annual rainfall has been below the long-term average in each calendar year apart from 1994.

Even before this recent spell of dry years began, London received washes have to use their own supply less rainfall in the average year than New York, Rome, Lisbon and Paris. according to the Meteorological

But climate scientists say the chain of English droughts cannot yet be attributed to man-made climate change caused by a build up of heat trapping gases, such as carbon dioxide, in the atmosphere.

Dr Geoffrey Jenkins of the Meteorological Office's Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction said yesterday: "We would expect less rain to fall here as the climate changes world-wide, but not this much - it's already greater than we'd anticipate."

In other words, the drought could be a blip like the 18-month "Great Drought" of 1975 and 1976, which was followed by a return to average Climatologists are confident that

or cease operating, swimming pools cannot be filled or topped up, and washing cars, boats, aircraft and buildings with a hose are all forbidden. The island has had water bans in

ide and other substances - and this

But their supercomputer models

trend will continue and accelerate.

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small countries such as the United Kingdom, which covers only 1,000th

In Guernsey, the new restrictions

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four of the last seven years. Colin Gaudion, the water board's engineer and manager, said he was looking into increasing the size or number of reservoirs, or at the possibility of building a desalination plant to turn seawater into fresh water. The island boasted a prototype which closed in

Neighbouring Jersey has a working plant which can supply 1.5 million gallons of freshwater a day - a quarter of the island's peak demand. But it is expensive to run because it burns large quantities of oil, so the water board uses it as little as possible. Ian James, the managing director, said the slow, jerky rise in temperatures the board would meet today and spokesman said the need for a world-wide is linked to increasing at- restrictions were on the agenda.

### Anxiety gene turns out a bit of a worry

Charles Arthur Science Editor

It's all rather worrying really. Last year scientists in the US and Germany announced they had found an "anxiety" gene which played a part in determining how anxious people were, according to psychological tests measuring a trait called "harm avoidance".

But now another team of scientists, based in Jerusalem, say that direct measurement of 120 people with and without that gene showed no correlation between their anxiety levels

and the gene's presence. So is it worrying that the anxiety gene appears to have dis-appeared? According to one author of the latest study, Richard Ebstein of the Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital, it may only mean that the gene affects anxiety in some groups but not others; and one of the authors of the original study suggested that the latest project would not have detected the

But significantly, this is the second time since November that a follow-up study for a "personality gene" has failed to find it. Ironically, the previous failure was trying to confirm a

Body Clock ticks on

Genes help us to tell the time by keeping our "circadian clock" running,

new research has shown. American researchers have discovered the functions of two genes which may explain how almost every organism on Earth has a built-in ability to monitor time on a 24hour, day-to-night basis even when kept in

complete darkness. The first gene seems to act as an independent timer, like a clockspring; the other is in effect a gear cog which keeps the clock

The team found clock matfunction was linked to saasonal affective disorder and various sleep and mental disorders.

finding claimed by Dr Ebstein that there is, or was, a gene for "novelty-seeking", including excitability and impulsiveness.

Claims in 1995 that there is "gay gene" on the X chromosome have also not been confirmed by later studies. Dean Hamer of the Nation-

al Cancer Institute, one author of last year's study - and also a co-author of the original "gay gene" paper - said Dr Eh-stein's result was meaningless because it used too few people. The original study investigated 505 people using three psychological tests, whereas the new one, published this month in Molecular Psychiatry, only looked at 120.

According to Dr Hamer, even with the 505 people in last ear's study the effect was bare ly noticeable. Dr Ebstein com-mented: "There is now some element of doubt [about the original study) but it doesn't mean they're wrong." Differences in genetic backgrounds and environment could mean the gene influences the anxiety

trait differently in some groups. The gene itself lies on chromosome 17 and plays a role in a brain communication system that takes the neurotransmitter serotonin - the "pleasure chemical" - back into brain cells. The gene itself.comes in two forms. 'short" and "long", so it seemed logical the short version would lead to less available serotonin - and so more readily to a state of anxiety. But Dr Ebstein said he couldn't find the least sign of the effect in his group.



### Smart move for watch that turned into a car

Gavin Green Motoring Editor

The most radical car to be sold in Europe in decades and the most environmentally friendly - has just been unveiled by its makers. The new Smart, a joint venture between Mercedes-Benz and the Swiss company SMH, makers of the Swatch watch, will go on sale in mainland

Europe next spring. Just 2.5m - or a touch over 8ft - long, the Smart is an odd-looking two-seater city car. According to Nicolas Hayek, head of SMH and

vice-chairman of Smart, more than 80 per cent of cars used in urban areas are occupied by the driver alone. "The Smart therefore makes sense in today's motoring environment," he says.

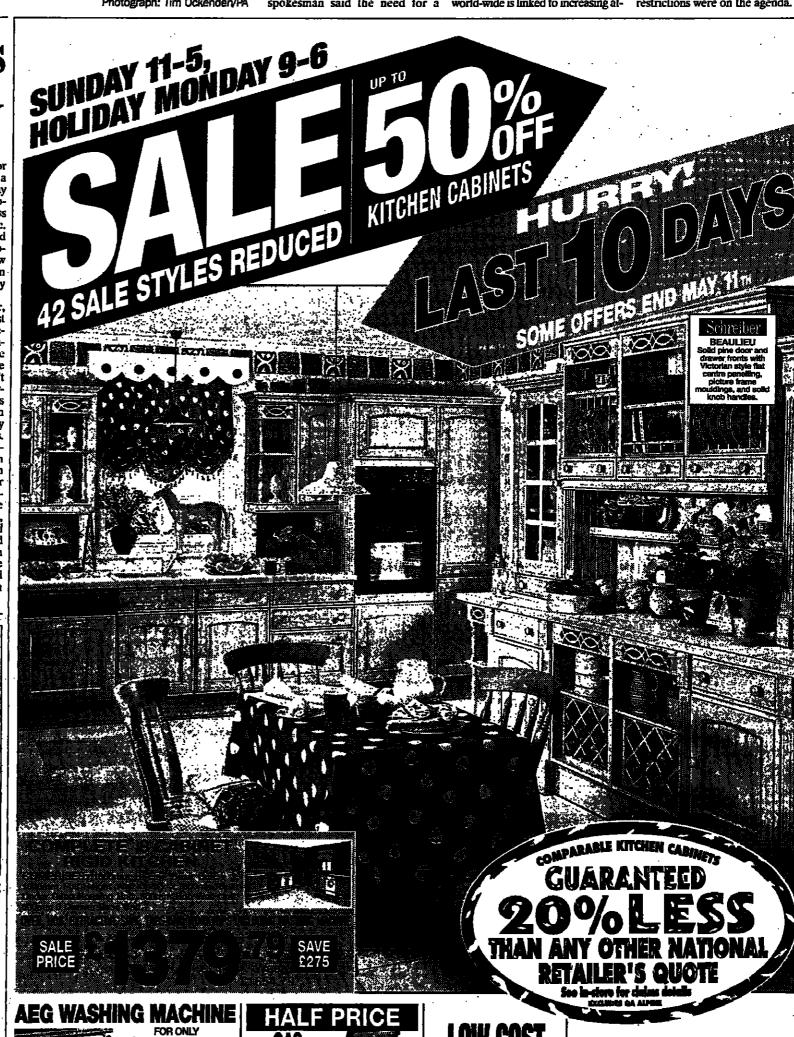
Mr Hayek also expects the growing number of solo households - young people, singles, older people without children - to be natural Smart

Power comes from a turbocharged three-cylinder petrol engine, claimed to give 70mpg. A 90mpg diesel follows in 1999. Performance is reasonable: 0-35mph in six

seconds and a top speed of . 80mph. The Smart comes with anti-lock brakes and airbags as standard.

The car will be built at a new factory in Hambach, in the Lorraine in France. Sales initially will be restricted to eight mainland European countries, priced between DM16,000 and DM20,000 depending on local taxes (£5,800-£7,300).

There are no firm plans for UK sales, but if the car proves a hit on the Continent there's little doubt that it will come here, probably in the





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Talking rhubarb: Some of the 150 varieties on show at the National Rhubarb Festival in Harrogate

#### scription in chemists' shops may have potentially serious side effects. Last month the Department of Health announced that it in-

Researchers yesterday warned that more than one popular hav fever remedy sold without pre-

tended to withdraw the drug terfenadine from over-the-counter sale because of safety

The Medicines Control Agency is expected to make the drug available on prescription only, following a period of consultation. Experts advising the Government said that other hay fever remedies should be considered for as alternatives if there was any doubt about prescribing terfenadine.

#### hay fever drugs Researchers call for closer look at all antihistamines

side-effects of

But yesterday doctors in Sweden published the results of a study which showed that some of the suggested alternatives may have similar prob-lems. The study reviewed data from 17 countries on reported side effects by people taking five antihistamines — including terfenadine.

Researchers found that the drugs collectively caused an increased risk of heart abnormalities and death, albeit a small one - less than 0.25 spontaneous adverse reactions per million daily doses sold.

Besides terfenadine, the drugs loratadine and astemizole had the highest rates of adverse reaction. Asternizole is already under close review in the UK because of its potential to up-A closer analysis of 57 re-

caused by interaction with oth-

Five of these patients had in fact died, said the paper, which is published in the latest edition of the Lancet medical journal.

The researchers, Professor Ralph Edwards and Marie Lindquist from the World tion with the pharmacist.

Health Organisation's in-ternational drug monitoring centre at Uppsala in Sweden, concluded: These crude rates reflect doctors' concerns with these products, but do not provide a definite answer.

"Nevertheless, the data indicate that some of the alternatives to terfenadine may have similar problems, suggesting that thorough consideration of the comparative benefit risk profile of all non-sedating antihistamines is wise

Boots said that both loratadine and astemizole were sold over the counter.

Loratadine was contained in two products, a Boots own brand, Hayfever Relief All Day Antihistamine, and the product Clarityn. Astemizole was sold under the brand names Polloneze and Hismanal.

Boots said that new advice had recently gone out to phar-macists to question patients about their medical history before selling them astemizole products. No such advice was recommended for loratadine.

A spokeswoman said: "With any product we obviously keep a close eye open and monitor A closer analysis of 57 reports of heart irregularities associated with loratadine showed that in 27 cases there showed that in 27 cases there act accordingly. We do very much take the view that the MCA is the governing body with the expertise and judgment to decide what controls to exercise on medicines."

Boots has removed terfenadine products from public display in its stores. Customers are

### Prison officers vilified over hospital regime

leremy Laurance

Staff at Britain's three top security hospitals, which house torious criminals, are accused today of running a campaign of intimidation to preserve their jobs overseeing an oppressive and authoritarian regime.

Efforts by senior managers to institutions, which doctors say would improve safety, have been met by obstruction and threats, according to Professor Elaine Murphy, former vice-chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission.

One senior manager who sought police advice after being are to change. The most danthreatened found a fake grenade under his car. Other staff have received hate mail and complained of victimisation

and bullying.
Professor Murphy, chairman
of the City and Hackney Community Health Services Trust, says in the British Medical Journal that a large group of staff at Broadmoor, Rampton and Ashworth, have a damaging in-fluence on standards of care through their authoritarian and Prison Officers Association yesdenigrating attitude to patients.

Echoing repeated criticisms by the Mental Health Act Commission over more than a suffer from an "impoverished regime, overly restrictive reguwhich must be laid at the door clearly unfounded."

of the Prison Officers' Association (POA) which has 1,000 members in the three hospitals.

Until the mid-1980s, the hospitals - which have been the subrun by the Home Office as an extension of the Prison Service but were taken over by the NHS last year. But although hospital staff are officially designated as nurses, many have raise the standard of care in the retained the membership, and outlook, of the POA.

Calling on the next Secretary of State for Health to derecognise the POA, Professor Murphy says the union must be ousted or the hospitals closed and their inmates moved elsegerous mentally disordered offenders are now cared for in regional secure units, NHS and private psychiatric hospitals which run more liberal regimes but with no less safety and without the problems that have dogged the special hospitals.

Professor Murphy adds: "The choice is a stark one: either the hospitals must close or they must change completely.'

Broadmoor hospital and the terday dismissed Professor Murphy's views as out of date. She was a member of the 1992 Ashworth inquiry which exposed a decade, she says the hospitals brutal regime, and the POA said her comments dated back to before then. It added: "This is a lations and lack of therapeutic scurrilous attack. Her allegations optimism" - the blame for of threats and intimidation are

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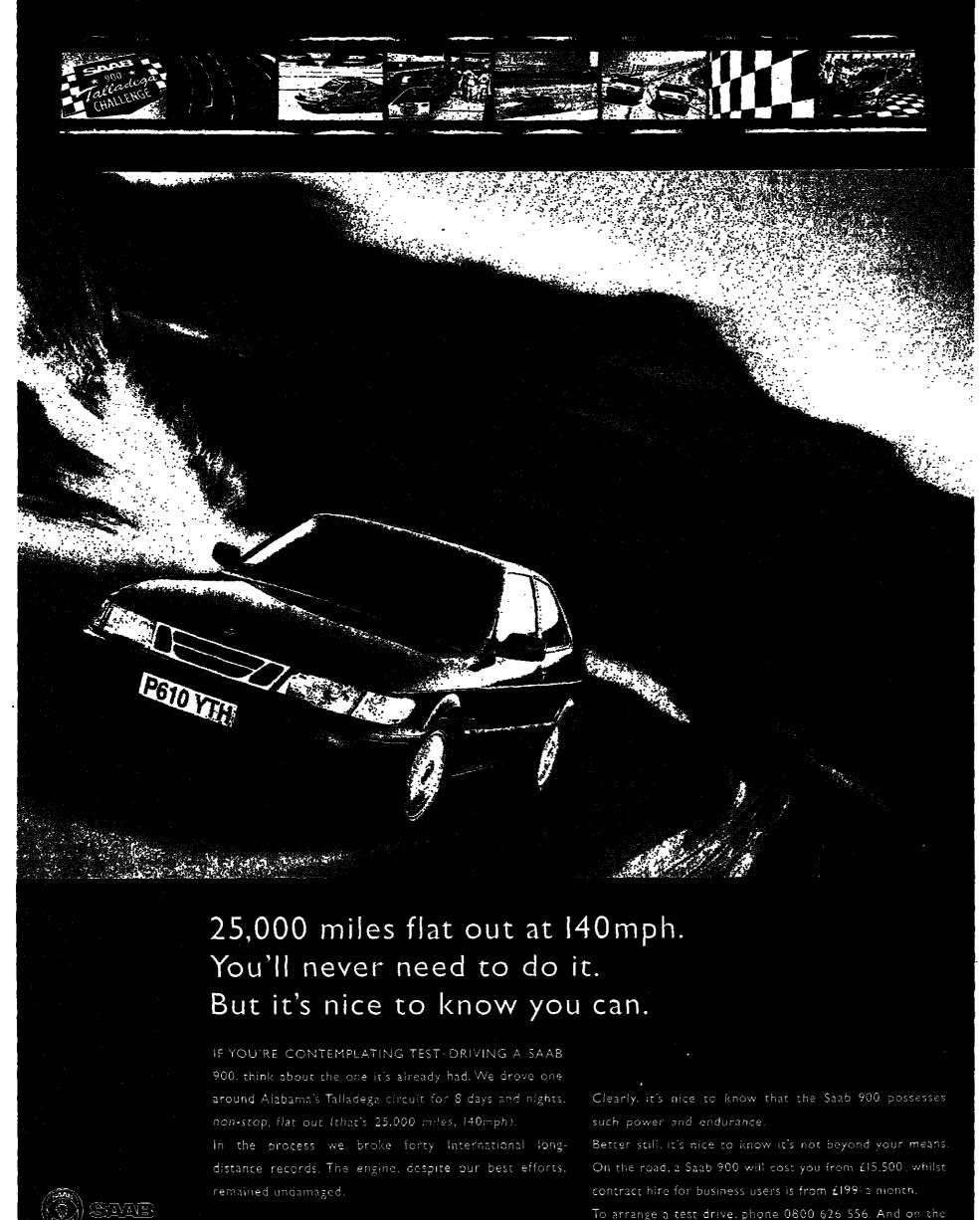
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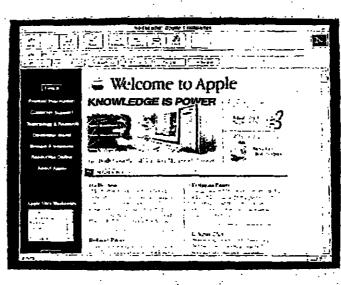
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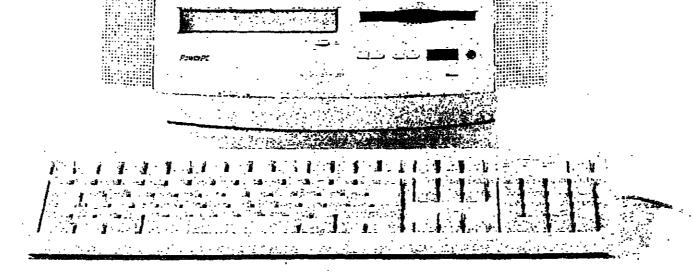
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# Agony of Zaire's exiled innocents



Misery: A child's face shows the horrifying toll of a recent forced march by Rwandan exiles towards a refugee point at Kisesa

### N battles to cope with refugees

**David Fox** Reuter

Kisangani - United Nations agencies. accused by Rwanda's government of delaying repatriation, struggled vesterday to clear a backlog of some 2,000 Rwandan refugees waiting to be airlifted home from Zaire.

Aid officials said a train with more than 1,200 refugees pulled into Kisangani on Wednesday night and workers scrambled to cram them in a transit camp near the city's largest airport.

The train, the second to arrive on Wednesday, was organised by the Tutsi-dominated rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire (AFDL). The sudden influx threatened to overwhelm UN fa-

cilities. The rebels were condemned last ment statement contrasted with UN, south of Kisangani and "at a certain

week for blocking access to the refugees. European Union and US expressions There is a sense that so much at- of concern this week about the treattention was paid to the obstacles we encountered that they are now eager si-dominated rebels. The refugees to show how many people they can fled Rwanda in 1994 and are accused

by minority Tutsis of genocide in

Rwanda. Aid officials estimated the

backlog in Kisangani at about 2,300

refugees yesterday. Mr Stromberg said agencies had so far located only

The photographs on this page were taken in Zaire recently by Sebastiao Salgado, one of the world's leading photojournalists. Born in Brazil, he specialises in the plight of Third World. His images of Brazil's landless poor are being exhibited at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1

bring up to Kisangani," UNHCR spokesman Paul Stromberg said.

But yesterday Rwanda's government accused the UN of delaying repatriation and said it was ready to work directly with the AFDL. The govern- 20,000 of nearly 100,000 refugees ship they plan to meet on.

point we will have to turn our attention to finding the others." After weeks of delaying a UN air-lift, rebels said on Sunday that UN

agencies had 60 days to repatriate all Rwandan refugees. UN officials have said it is impossible to repatriate all 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees south of Kisangani and another 250,000 unaccounted for in Zaire within 60 days.

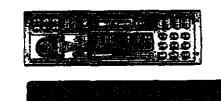
There was considerable confusion over the timing of talks between President Mobutu Sese Seko and the rebel leader Laurent Kabila. They were originally scheduled for today and were then said to have been put off until tomorrow because the harbour in Libreville cannot accommodate the



Long march: About 30,000 refugees, including this boy, have reached the village of Biaro, 26 miles from Kisangani. Many have walked very far and suffer severe wounds and sickness.

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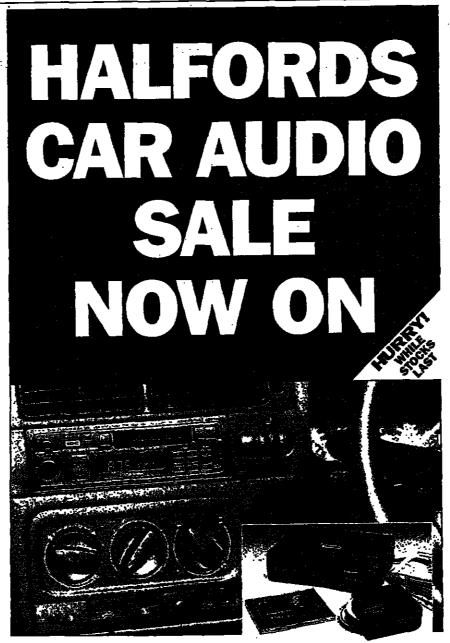


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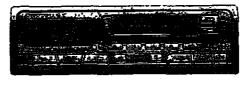
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# Left and right fight the battle of May Day

Imre Karacs Bonn

Right-wing extremists and their left-wing alter egos clashed in several German cities and fought running battles with police in what has now become a tradi-tional May Day celebration.

in Berlin, about 7,000 people attended two separate revolutionary demonstrations" one in the East's Prenzlauer Berg and the other in Kreuzberg in the West. Police had braced themselves for violence on a scale matching the notorious riots of 10 years ago, but by last night the toll stood at fewer than 20 burnt-out cars and a few smashed shop windows. Dozens of those involved in stone-throwing incidents were detained.

Contrary to all expectations, the day's worst violence flared not in eastern Germany, but in the quiet town of Münden, near Hanover in the West.

One policeman was seriously injured there after a clash between about 300 right-wingers. led by the neo-Nazi firebrand Thorsten Heise, and a smaller group of left-wing Au-tonomes". About 150 right-

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to belong to the NPD, the nationalist party which had tried all day to stage a mass demonstration somewhere in the east. Initially, the NPD had called for a rally in Leipzig, in front of the Napoleon's defeat on German

This was, however, banned by the local authorities, and a force of 4,500 policemen ringed the monument yesterday to

prevent a gathering.
The NPD had boasted that 70,000 people would be turning up for its demo, but by last night there were sightings of only small groups of their adherents in isolated towns. Small groups of neo-Nazis were detained in Dortmund, Aschaffenburg and Wiesbaden.

In Leipzig about 150 left-wing extremists expressed disappointment over their enemies failure to show up by pelting pelice with rocks and fireworks. Leipzig was also the focal point of the national trade unions' May Day festivities, culminat-

ing in a 20,000-strong rally. Union leaders and opposition politicians called for action to resist the policies of Chancel-

The neo-Nazis were believed Klaus Zwickel, the head of Germany's largest union, IG Metall, demanded the Chancellor's removal.

"This government is only interested in maintaining power. he said. This government must

The man who would do the removing if only he had the power was also at the rally, sounding suitably hostile to Mr

"Share vulues are rising, profits are exploding and yet unemployment has been rising for years," said Oskar La-fontaine, leader of the opposition Social Democrats. "We need new commercial and financial policies," he said, without elaborating.



Waiting game: Texas state troopers gather to change shifts during the stand-off between police and armed separatists at Fort Davis. On Tuesday night, at the end of day four of the stand-off, Richard McLaren, leader of the self-styled Republic of Texas, broke off all contact with negotiators Photograph: Reuters

### significant shorts

#### Australian takes on top **UN weapons-control job**

Australia's ambassador to the United Nations was named to succeed Rolf Ekeus as chairman of the UN team that inspects Iraqi weapons sites. Richard Butler will take over as chairman of the UN Special Commission on Iraq, known as Unscom. Mr Ekeus will take a new post as Sweden's ambassador to the United States. He has been chief of the commission since it was formed in 1991 to monitor Iraq's compliance with UN disarmament demands imposed after the Gulf War. Mr Butler has considerable experience in dealing with weapons issues. He played a big role last year in saving the treaty banning nuclear-weapons test explosions by successfully pushing it through the UN General Assembly despite stron objections from India.

#### Nadir vows to return to Turkey

The fugitive Turkish Cypriot tycoon Asil Nadir vowed to return to Turkey, four years after jumping bail in Britain. He said from his home in northern Cyprus that his visit was imminent, but gave no further details. He has in the past invested in electronics companies, a hotel and the media in Turkey. He did not elaborate on the nature of any future investments there. Mr Nadir fled in May 1993 while awaiting trial on theft and false-accounting charges following the collapse of his London-based Polly Peck fruits-to-electronics empire. He still has media, banking and tourism interests in breakaway northern Cyprus.

Reuters - Ankara

#### 'Elvira Madigan' director dies

Bo Widerberg, who directed the acclaimed film Elvira Madigan and was nominated three times for an Academy Award, died aged 66. He died in a hospital in Angelholm, Award, thed aged oo. The died in a nospital in Angelholm, southern Sweden, of a long illness. His most recent Oscar nomination was in 1996, for All Things Fair, about an intense relationship between a 15-year-old high-school student and his 37-year-old female teacher. The previous nominations were in 1964 for Raven's End and in 1969 for Adalen 31. Widerberg, noted for his sharp realism, began his artistic career as a novelist, then branched into film in 1963 with The Baby Carriage. He was often at odds with Ingmar Bergman.

#### Buyer sought for death house

The mansion where 39 Heaven's Gate cult members killed themselves has been taken off the market while a crew strips, guts and restores it. The owner, Sam Koutchesfahani, plans to move back in before trying again to sell it, said Randall Bell, whose firm is overseeing the restoration. "Unfortunately, there's a smell throughout AP - Rancho Santa Fe the entire house."

#### Wiesel heads Holocaust fund

After weeks of arguing with international Jewish leaders, the Swiss government appointed Elie Wiesel as honorary chairman of a seven-member board to run a multi-million dollar fund for Holocaust victims. The Nobel laureate and concentration-camp survivor, who is joined by two Israelis on the panel, will have the title "doyen international chairman" but no special powers, said the Foreign AP - E Minister, Flavio Cotti.

#### Yemeni poll toll rises to 21

A Yemeni journalist was killed and four other people A remem journalist was since and roll other people injured when supporters of rival candidates in Yemen's general election exchanged fire outside a polling station.

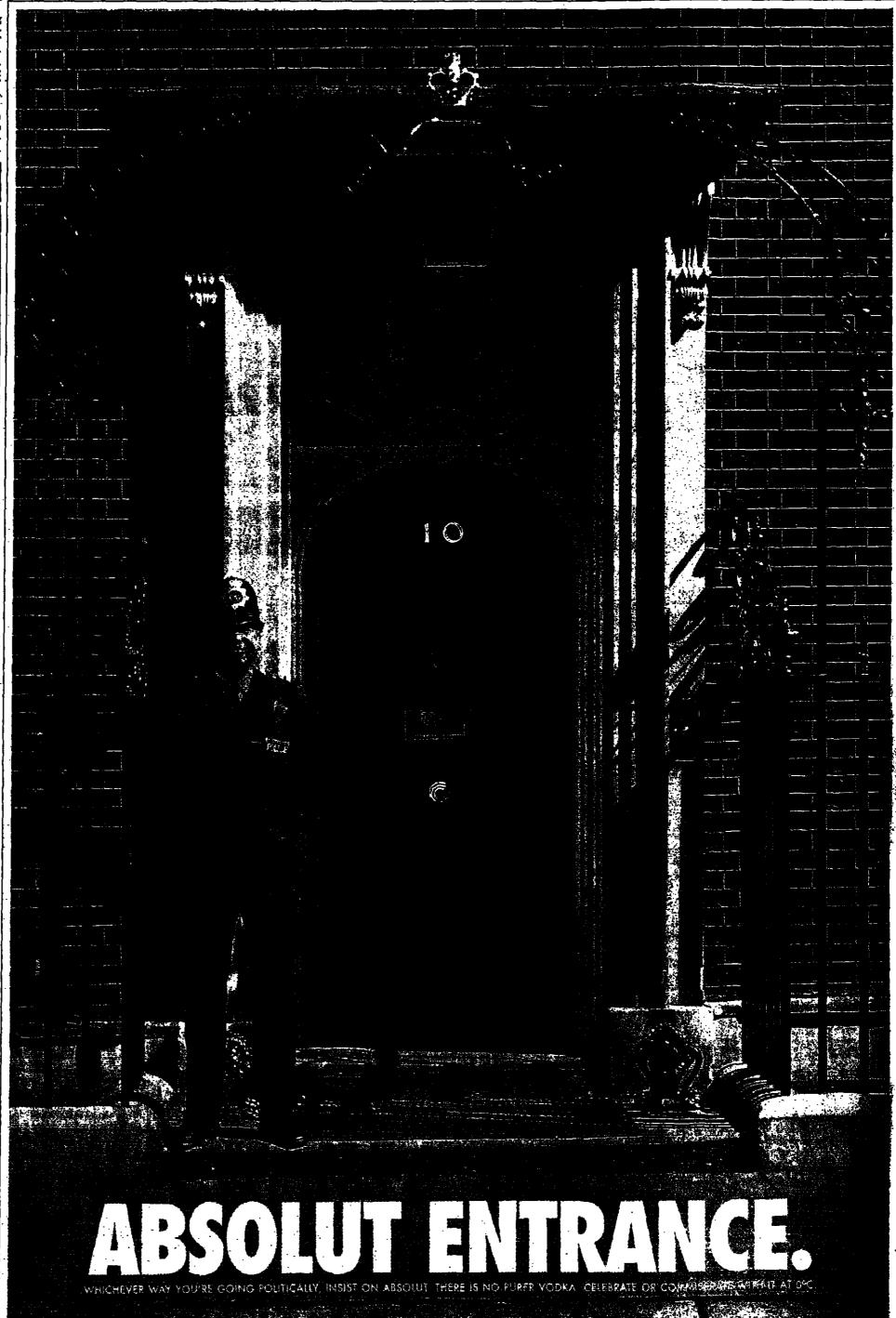
The killing raised to at least 21 the number of poll-related

#### US move on Gulf war illness

Former US Senator Warren Rudman will become a Former US Senator warren renoman win become a special adviser to the President on Gulf war illnesses. The appointment was decided on after a White House panel appointment was not moving fast enough to find tound the miniary was not moving last enough to find whether American troops may have been exposed to chemical weapons during the Gulf War. AP - New York

### Elephant death acquittal

A German was acquitted of responsibility for the death of a woman killed in Zimbabwe when the minibus he was a woman amed in Zamazowe whou me manous he was driving hit an elephant. Despite their size, elephants are driving an an elephant. Despite their size, coppanis are notoriously difficult to see in the dark and a judge ruled nominously children of an animal in the town centre could that the presence of an animal in the town centre could that the presence of all annual in the form centre could not be anticipated by a foreign driver. AP - Victoria Falls.



# Backlash threatens to silence informers

Italy's proposed law to restrict protection for Mob 'pentiti' could put vital evidence at risk

Andrew Gumbel Palermo

A year ago, the notorious Cosa Nostra killer Giovanni Brusca was arrested in Palermo and everybody cheered. This was the man, after all, who pressed the button that set off the bomb that blew up the heroic anti-Mafia magistrate Giovanni Falcone in May 1992. This was the man. too, who had punished a Mafia informer by dissolving the body of his 11-year-old son in an acid

Then last summer Brusca decided he too would start collaborating with the justice authorities, and the cheering suddenly went quiet. Did the

#### The new MAFIA

state really want to start offering protection, not to mention a salary and the promise of ju-dicial leniency, to a monster of a man nicknamed *U Verru*, The Pig? Could his confessions really be trusted, let alone merit

Thus began the most prominent debate surrounding the whole issue of informers, or pentiti, "repentant" mafiosi. as they are informally known. In the first three months, much of what Brusca said turned out to be either unverifiable or false, and a growing chorus of politicians called for a tightening of the whole collaboration system.

Then last month Brusca sug-gested that some of his fellow

informers had committed murders while under the state's witness protection scheme, and the same crowd of politicians wondered whether a pentito could ever be trusted

The public concerns are understandable, but unfortunately they are based on a fundamental ignorance of the way that Mafia collaboration works. Moreover, the debate has been skewed by a section of the political class with a direct interest in discrediting all evidence based on the testimony of wrong-doers, not just members of the Mafia.

The risk now is that the whole system of collaboration, an invaluable resource for prosecutors which is responsible for more than half of all investigations into the Mafia now underway, will be undermined by a new law about to go before

A published draft of the law rightly recognises that too many informers and their families more than 8,000 people, all told - are being protected regardless of the quality of the testimony they have to offer, and it attempts to sort them into different categories. But it also obliges would-be collaborators to tell everything they know, and within a very limited time scale, before they can find out if they qualify for a witness protection

Since it can take months for informers to start giving really valuable information, and several years before they attack the most sensitive subjects such as the Mafia's relationship with politics, the quality of the evidence is almost sure to go down. Not only that, but most matiosi might feel that reveal- will be required to attest that combat organised crime and of-



Face of death: Killer Giovanni Brusca being escorted by police to Palermo jail after a court appearance

quid pro quo, is reason enough to keep their mouths firmly

"We don't think witnesses will tell everything they know in the allotted time period, only as much as they think they need to," said the Palermo prosecutor, Antonio Ingroia. "And after the six months are up they

ing all, with no guarantee of a they have nothing more to say. thus barring them from ever testifying again, even if they

> The first Mafia informer, Tommaso Buscetta, still has not stopped talking after 13

Since the confidence of Mafia informers depends crucially on the commitment of the state to

fer true protection to those who disassociate themselves from it, evidence inevitably comes in waves over a long period of time.

The public concerns about occasional disinformation are misplaced, first because everything is rigorously checked against other witnesses and material evidence, and secondly because lies are part of the long

process of evolution that matiosi go through when they decide to turn state's evidence. Brusca, in fact, has not yet proved reliable enough to be considered a full informer - he is described as a dichiarante, or

talking witness. There is a problem with the word pentito because it implies a moral transformation, whereas what we are doing is bar-

gaining with these people for in-formation, said Pier Luigi Vigna, Italy's top anti-Mafia prosecutor and a man with long

Photograph: Toni Gentile/Reuters

These people might even go back and commit crimes, but that doesn't change the fact that what they previously said may

experience of judicial interro-

Why is the most successful

gation of witnesses.

prosecution tool to have emerged in Italy in recent years being messed with? Who stands

to gain? One obvious beneficiary is Giulio Andreotti, the veteran Christian Democrat politician whose trial on charges of Matia collusion is based almost exclusively on pentito evidence. As a man still commanding widespread public respect, he has been quite successful in convincing his old electorate of the existence of Mafia plots to discredit him.

But the problem goes deeper than just one man. The whole political class has an interest in curbing the powers of the magistrature to ensure that the vast judicial investigations into official corruption of the early 1990s run no risk of being

repeated. Not just the Mafia, but also the old political system, were both dismantled through the evidence of pentiti who negotiated a better deal for themselves by spilling the beans on someone more important.

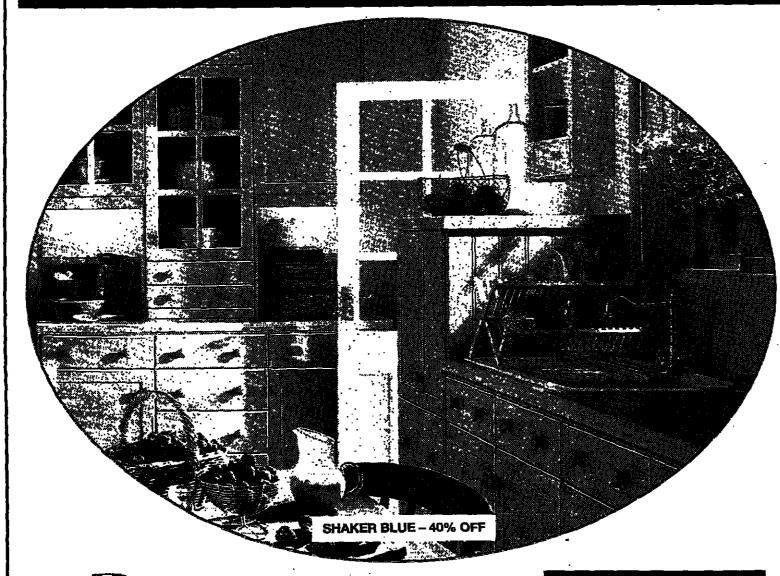
This prosecution method is questionable in the case of political corruption because nobody in the end goes to jail at all - only the big fish get hefty sentences and they either defer them in the appeal courts or avoid them by going abroad. In the case of the Mafia, though, the informer system works brilliantly because what matters is not so much the guilt of an individual as the structure of the system as a whole.

"In a closed world like a terrorist group, if you capture the top five or ten leaders the whole things falls apart. But the Mafia is not like that," Mr Vigna said. "The Mafia is not closed to the world, indeed in certain places it is the world."

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### Children of Oz fight a new wicked witch

It is five months since my wife and I saw in 1997 at a particularly swell New Year's Eve bash that boasted a Wizard of Oz theme. All the guests were presented with munchkin hats of varying degrees of absurdity and one wall of the party room was hung with a canvas depicting, of course, the yellow brick road vanishing onto a prairie horizon.

The elaborate decor had not been crafted just for our benefit, unappreciative and mostly drunken as we were. Rather, it was the first fruit of a marathon undertaking by a group of par-ents to help the local Greenwich elementary school produce the Wizard of Oz aeons later in the spring. As many of the children as possible were to take part -Dorothy, after all, can have as many munchkin friends as the stage will allow - and the set and costumes were to be as extrav-

agant as possible. With a cast of 260 excited five- to seven-year-olds, the curtain is due at last to rise on Or tonight. Whether it will. however, has suddenly become a matter of conjecture. In a twist of events that is worthy of a musical score of its own, it seems that only President Bill Clinton (being pressed to take the role of the Wizard) can save a situation that threatens to put a headmistress in court and evenmally even in jail.

Guess what: the lawvers have arrived. (That modern American species that make even better villains than politicians and journalists). Never mind that we are talking about the thrill of children treading a stage for the first time in their lives. This is Greenwich, Connecticul - which to lawyers means dollars. The fact that the Julian Curtiss School is statefunded and is the least well endowed of all the town's schools is unimportant.

The school received verbal permission from MGM, the GREENWICH DAYS

year ago to put on a production adapted from the film but containing most of its music.

Suddenly this week, however - three days before curtainup - it received a "cease and desist" letter from another company, Tams-Witmark Music Library Inc, saying that, on the contrary, staging Oz requires separate permission which the school did not have.

Addressed to Nancy Car-bone, the school principal, Tams-Witmark said: "It is not permissible to use the music from the movie with a script ob-

6 Dear Mr President, can't you help us, please? - The Munchkins 9

tained elsewhere. We require that you remove all of the MGM music from your production and that you notify us by return fax that this has been done. A stunned Ms Carbone also took a phone call from Tams-Witmark's lawyer threat-

ening criminal proceedings. Of all of this, the kids so far know nothing. But their parents. galled beyond description, have not dallied in fighting back. It has not helped their mood to know that the lawyer doing the threatening happens also to be a Greenwich resident with young children of his own. They do not go to Julian Cur-tiss, however, but instead to one of the town's several expensive

private academies.

short of media savvy. As I write, an NBC television news team from New York is expected at the school to report on the sorry story.

Meanwhile, one comment during the lawyer's phone call has spurred another course of action. Unadvisedly, perhaps, he suggested to Ms Carbone that even if it was the President of the United States who was staging Oz without proper permission he, too, would be pursued in the courts. Understanding precisely how

Mr Clinton's antennae are attuned to just this sort of collision of things human and legal, the parents of one seven-yearold from the cast, Susan, swiftly placed her at the keyboard and clicked into e-mail mode. Her message should be reaching the President just about now. "Dear Sir, they say they would even threaten you. Can't you help us, please? The Munchkins." (I paraphrase): It is perhaps Susan's bad luck that this is not an election year. Otherwise, Mr Clinton

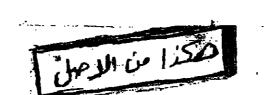
would surely have thrown the full might of the White House at the kindly institution of Tams-Witmark in rather the manner that the tornado deposits Dorothy's house at the start of Oz atop the Wicked Witch of the North.

For a president struggling for re-election it would have been an irresistible script. Maybe, we

can only hope, it still will be. Late news, just in: Yessss! As The Independent went to press, Tams-Witmark caved in. It all goes to show: e-mails and television crews have their uses. The munchkins are ready to

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### China reaches across the sea to Taiwan

In the annals of historic sea voyages, the journey of the 2,597tonne Chinese container ship, Sheng Da, lacks a certain element of romance. But when the vessel docked in the Taiwanese port of Kaohsiung recently, the smiling but silent mainland crew dressed in yellow outlits, its arrival marked the first direct ship crossing between China and Taiwan since 1949.

Political symbolism took priority over shipping timetables on the routing: the Sheng Da had sailed from the mainland coastal city of Xiamen that morning but hung around just outside Kaohsiung port for five hours waiting for the sun to set so that, according to naval pro-tocol, it could enter harbour without hoisting the Taiwan flag. The unloading of cargo containers at dusk on 19 April for trans-shipment to third countries was the sort of unlikely political milestone which so characterises the volatile non-relationship between Peking and an island state which it still considers a renegade province.

It is just one year since the People's Liberation Army was lobbing missiles into the seas around Kaohsiung in the run-up to Taiwan's presidential elections. Since then, Peking has instead concentrated on winning the hearts and minds of Taiwanese businessmen, knowing

Teresa Poole in Xiamen reports on how boomingbusiness is the

driving force behind sea links

that economic links may prove a more potent weapon than military hardware. Across the Strait in Taipei, President Lee Tenghui, who last August warned that too much Taiwan investment on the mainland would jeopardise "national security", has been fighting a rear-guard action. Restrictions on mainland investment have been steadily tightened and, taking a heavy hint. Taiwan's biggest private company, Formosa Plastics, put on hold its stake in a £2 billion power station in China's southeastern Fujian province.

In Xiamen, the southern Fujian city which faces Taiwan, the evolving relationship between the mainland and Taiwan is evident in the shape of acres of sprawling factories. For decades, this was China's frontline city in the mainland's war of attrition with Taiwan, with the Taipei-controlled island of Jinmen (Quemoy) lying just off-shore. When military bombardment stopped in the mid-Sixties, the noisy propa-

> wan, she explained. Taiwan businessmen in Xiamen are just as keen as the mainland government to see direct links across the Strait. The new trans-shipment cargo service between Xiamen and Kaohsiung port represents an uneasy compromise between China's demand for the "san tong" (three links) - shipping, air and postal - and President Lee's fear that economic overdependence on mainland links is a political time-bomb. At this stage, to Peking's

for export to a generation of

American women whose surto-rial priority, it is probably fair to say, is comfort not fashion.

manufacturing has now been shifted to the mainland. The Tai-

wanese manager of Everlead,

Sue Jane Cheng, said the com-

pany's seven Xiamen assembly

lines expect to produce 8 mil-

lion shoes this year, all destined for the US. Mainland labour

costs were one-tenth that on Tai-

Much of Taiwan's low-level

chagrin, only trans-shipment is allowed which means goods crossing the Taiwan Strait cannot go in or out of Taiwan itself. but must originate from or be destined for third countries. Peking hopes this will be the

ganda war took over, with shells containing political leaflets. At Hulishan Fortress in Xiamen, a former restricted military zone turned seaside tourist attraction, Chinese mainlanders still pay two yuan (17p) a time to stare through a tele-scope at distant islands decked with what is left of the Taiwanese propaganda. But Tai-wanese people are hardly a novelty on this side of the Strait; an estimated 5,000 Tai-wan businessmen now live in Xiamen, managing 1,300 local Taiwan enterprises into which \$2 billion of Taiwanese money has been sunk over the past decade. Regardless of the politics, the mainland offered much cheaper labour when Taipei's ban on private visits was dropped in 1987. At the wholly Taiwanowned Everlead Shoe Company in Xiamen, for example, 3,000 mainland peasant girls are turning out boxloads of Cobbly Cuddlers "shoes you can live in"

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Hatchet man: A Taiwanese demonstrator staging a mock execution in a protest over civil liberties staged outside the Presidential office in Taipei yesterday to mark May Day

card. At the moment the British colony provides the missing direct link for most of Taiwan's trade and investment with the mainland, and virtually all Taiwanese capital and goods to and from the mainland passes through the territory. But, with two months to go, Peking is stalling over discussions about arrangements after the han-

deputy director of the Taiwan Research Institute at Xiamen University. Then he states the more ominous reality: "If the central government really wants to pressurise Taiwan, it can take advantage of the shipping between Hong Kong and Tai-

President Lee finds himself caught in a pincer movement between the fierce lobbying by

scribed the feelings of Tai-wanese during the missile tests: last year's missile tests shook the onward march of Taiwan investors into China. In Xiamen, "Of course, certainly we felt there was still a 20 per cent inslightly uncomfortable inside. But we were not terribly nervous crease in Taiwan investment in 1996, according to Chinese figabout it, because we did not think it was for real." ures. "Businessmen are always relatively cautious," said Wu Jie. at the Xiamen Foreign Invest-

Ms Cheng, at Everlead, de-

ment Executive Committee.

"But it is in the nature of busi-

Manila warns Peking on Spratly Islands

international

Manila (Reuter) - The Philippines has demanded that China withdraw three ships it said had encroached on an area claimed by Manila in the Spratly Islands, and said the Chinese action could harm bilateral ties.

The presence of the vessels in the area could also set back regional cooperation, Manila said in a diplomatic note sent to the Chinese embassy on Wednesday, acting Foreign Sec-retary Tomas Padilla said. It violated a code of conduct between the two countries requiring them not to take action that would disturb peace in the area, the note said.

"In order not to harm rela-tions and set back the cooperation slowly developing in the region, the Philippine government therefore calls on the Chinese government to withdraw the three Chinese naval vessels from the vicinity of Kalayaan and Panata islands. Padilla told reporters.

President Fidel Ramos ordered the filing of the protest after air force planes reported sighting the three armed ships. accompanied by fishing boats, near two of the eight islands oc-cupied by Philippine troops. The Spratlys are a cluster of

isles, reefs and shoals in the South China Sea believed to be rich in oil and gas. Peking says the area historically belongs to China. The islands are also claimed wholly or in part by Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei.

Tension flared between the Philippines and China in 1995 when Manila accused the Chinese of building what it said appeared to be naval support structures on Mischief Reef. Peking said they were fishermens' shelters

In addition to the three naval ships, air force planes saw several fishing boats, including a Photograph: Reuters cargo-type vessel with a landing deck for helicopters, de Villa told reporters. We are saying that they are inside our Kalayaan municipality and that there is no prior notice, and that there has been no advice that they will be there," de Villa said.

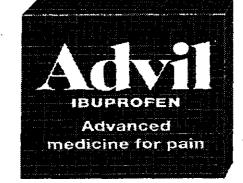
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### Colin **Thoms**

the Scottish artist Colin Thoms work, and created a colourful and poetic dream world that in- and Munich. corporated the influence of Klee and Miró.

career; but made very producable to devote completely to his own work after retirement, becoming increasingly known in recent years for his witty and inventive abstract paintings, collages and prints. As a full-time teacher at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen from 1951 to 1976, he was a much-loved influence on several generations of Scottish artists, including Will MacLean, Moira Maitland, Alexander Fraser, W.J. Connon, Ian McKenzie Smith and Joyce

From childhood Colin Thoms knew he was an artist. One of his teachers at Edinburgh Academy rather rucfully informed his parents: "I am afraid that he has the artistic temperament." He was at school with the sons of the Scottish Colourist S.J. Peploe and was drawn to the paintings hanging in their family home. Later, as a student at Edinburgh College of Art from 1929 to 1933. Thoms studied life painting under Peploe. His other teachers included John Duncan. D.M. Sutherland and W.G.

In 1934 he studied for one term at the Slade School in London, and in 1935, thanks to a travelling scholarship from Edinburgh School of Art. he studied in Paris, Florence, Rome, Padua and Venice. In Paris, he attended life-drawing classes at the Académie Co-



Like his compatriot Alan Davie. larossi and in the Rue de la Chaumière. A fellowship award had an intuitive approach to his enabled him to continue his studies in Brussels. Cologne

Thoms first exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy in 1928 Thoms had a long teaching and continued to exhibit regularly there until this year (three tive use of the 20 years he was of his works are currently on display). In 1949 he was elected President of the Society of Scottish Artists, which led to a friendship with the painter Anne Redpath which lasted until her death 20 years later. He also saw a good deal of Sir William Gillies, who had been a significant influence on him in the 1930s.

In 1937 Thoms accepted a part-time teaching post at Loretto School, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, and continued to paint and exhibit until the Second World War. His work at this time was predominantly representational.

The war years were served initially with the Royal Artillery. After suffering a severe head wound in an air-raid, he transferred to the Education Corps. serving in Edinburgh, Orkney, Egypt and Palestine, rising from the ranks to Sergeant and Captain. The time spent in the Middle East was to have a lasting influence on his work, and also made Thoms feel a particular bond with Paul Klee and his North African works.

After the war, Thoms returned to Loretto for a further four years. In 1951 he married the film critic Anne Whyte and moved to Aberdeen to take up his appointment to the staff of Gray's School of Art. He stayed there for 25 years until he retired from teaching. One of his students recalls sketching expeditions with Thoms. a tall elegant figure in a kilt enthusiastically leading his party through the countryside.

In Aberdeen Thoms was also active in saving historic buildings from development - he was a founder member and Chairman of the Aberdeen Civic

His opportunities to paint were hampered by the demands of his teaching career and famlly commitments. In 1963 he visited the Miró retrospective at the Tate Gallery in London. The impact on Thoms was dramat-



is represented, range from the ic: he described it as a release into "an unprecedented free-Scottish Arts Council; the Edinburgh Civic Arts Centre; and dom of expressions comparable, perhaps to S.J. Peploe's dis-Aberdeen Art Gallery to the covery of the significance of Gdansk National Museum in Poland. He is also included in Cézanne 60 or so years ago". The art critic for the Scotsman. the Robert Fleming Collection of Scottish Art, as well as in Sydney Goodsir Smith, likened it to "the conversion of St Paul many private collections all over the world. and the blinding light on the road to Damascus". In 1966 Thoms's confident and bril-Thoms had his first one-man ex-

liant sense of colour was perhaps inherited from his Colourist forebears. He approached his paintings like his collages and prints, mixing an almost childlike directness with great visual sophistication and verve. He was totally happy in his studio, literally delighting in making his images; angst had no place there.

In recent years he spent several days each week at the Edinburgh Printmakers' Workshop, where he worked alongside young artists, producing innovative etchings, lithographs and screen prints. His collage works often incorporated the subtle and colourful papers given to him by his son-in-law Yoshiro Oyama, the renowned Japanese stained-glass artist. Colin Thoms's pictures in

corporate elements from his own personal iconography with Miró-esque shapes: surreal forms, crescent moons, hearts, birds, fish, flags, and oddly engaging creatures dance across his picture surfaces. Sometimes his work resembles a rather manic musical score. In an interview with the critic Robin Dutt in 1989. Thoms said that 'music is very important to me

... I don't play myself, but I am appreciative of all music from my favourite, Stravinsky, to someone like Philip Glass . . I even dance in my studio, and I am approaching 80."

Jane England

Colin Edwin Sutherland Thoms artist: born Edinburgh 2 August 1912; married 1951 Anne Whyte (one son, two daughters); died Glasgow 20 April 1997.

### Biju Patnaik

influential politician and businessman in India, Biju Pamaik was also a buccaneering pilot, whose feats during and after the Second World War were

As an officer in the Royal Intian Air Force in the early 1940s. Pamaik flew innumerable sorties to rescue British families Rangoon, the capital of Burma. He also dropped arms and supplies to Chinese troops lighting the Japanese and later to the Soviet army struggling against Hitler's onslaught near Stalingrad. Two years ago, on the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, Patnaik was honoured by the Russians for his help.

After the war, Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of independent India, who was committed to decolonisation. entrusted Patnaik with the seemingly impossible task of rescuing Indonesian resistance fighters struggling with Dutch colonisers for control of Indonesia. Assisted by his wife Gyanwati. in 1948 the lanky pilot flew an old Dakota aircraft to Singapore en route to Jakar-ta where the rebels were entrenched.

Despite attempts by the Dutch forces to shoot him down after he entered Indonesian airspace, Patnaik landed on an improvised airstrip near Jakarta. Using left-over fuel from abandoned Japanese military dumps, he flew out several prominent rebels including Sultan Shariyar and Achmad Sukarno for a secret meeting with Nehru at New Delhi which

greatly helped their cause. After independence, when Sukarno became president, the Indonesian government con-ferred the title "Bhoomiputra" or "son of the soil" on Patnaik and gave him honorary citizenship. He remained close to Indonesian leaders and Sukarno's daughter was named Meghavati or "goddess of the clouds" on Patnaik's suggestion. Soon afterwards Patnaik took

to the skies once again, flying Indian troops into Kashmir to fight Pathan guerrilla fighters from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province who had raid-

Besides being a powerful and ed Kashmir and forcibly occupied a third of the principality. He also carried out scores of civilians from Kashmir's summer capital Srinagar, including his infant son and his daughter Gita Nehta (now an internationally renowned author, of Karma Colo and Snakes and

Ladders). Patnaik also tried to establish fleeing the Japanese advance on an airlink between India and Tibet, shortly before it was occupied by the Chinese in 1951. And, though unsuccessful, he was able to persuade the indian government to provide arms and logistical support to Tibetan Khampa fighters waging terrorist attacks against the occupying Chinese.

Patnaik was born in Cuttack in the eastern state of Orissa in 1916, into an aristocratic family. He began flying shortly af-ter graduating from Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. In 1939 he married, with his customary flamboyance, Gyanwati Sethi. His marriage party arrived with a fleet of Tiger Moth planes which flew in formation over the train which carried the young couple to their honeymoon.

Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi's freedom struggles against colonial rule, Patnaik joined the independence movement and often sheltered prominent revolutionaries in his house. He was commissoned into the Royal Indian Air Force in the early 1940s, rising to head its Air Transport Wing before becoming a commercial Penniless after Indepen-

dence, Patnaik set about establishing an industrial empire. which eventually comprised fron ore and manganese mines. steel and textile mills and an airline, most of which he sold later in order to enter politics full-time. He had joined the Congress Party during the independence movement and. after winning state elections in 1961, became Orissa's chief minister. However, he quit two years later after an upheaval within the party.

Thereafter he became a close confidant of prime minister indira Gandhi but fell foul of her and was imprisoned when he April 1997.



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opposed the internal extergency she declared in 1975, in which civil liberties were suspended and press censorship imposed. Patnaik spent two years in gaol before being released, elected as an MP and made a federal minister. The collapse of the government in 1979 pushed Patnaik into po-litical oblivion, but he bounced back in 1991, becoming Orissa's chief minister and going on to

complete a five-year term.

Patnaik increasingly lost popularity in recent years through his arrogant and unseemly hehaviour. In 1993, for instance, he celebrated his 78th birthday with a party which cost the bankrupt state of Orissa 20 million rupees (some £360.000) at a time when thousands in the state were dying of starvation and government employees had not been paid their salaries. Patnaik's political party was voted out of office two years ago and, though he retained his parliamentary seat, he was considered a political liability and left out of the federal government.

An avid bridge player. Patnaik was also a ladies' man, known for his many conquests and irreverence towards

**Kuldip Singh** 

Bijoynanda (Biju) Patnaik, aviator, businessman and politician: born Cuttack, Orissa 5 March 1916; married 1939 Gyanwati Sethi (two sons, one daughter); died New Delhi 17

### Nikolai Yegorov

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ed regularly from 1989, and

where his last one-man exhibi-

tion was held in September

1995. He had moved back to his

native Edinburgh in 1990.

Nikolai Yegorov, a long-time associate of the Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Minister for Nationality Affairs and Regional Policy during the Chechen crisis of 1994, was one of the most influential members of the Russian gov-ernment's "party of war", the hardline inner circle which supported sending Russian troops to crush the independence movement in Chechnya. Like many key figures in Russian nationality policy, Yegorov was of

Cossack origin. His career in the Russian government was chequered, mainly as a result of the failure of the military to crush Chechen aspirations for independence. Yegorov was punished twice, heing removed as presidential representative for Chechnya soon after the Russian assault in December 1994 and from his

ministerial post in June 1995. Yegorov was born in the Krasnodar region of southern Russia in 1951 and studied at the military Political Aviation College, the Stavropol Agricultural Institute and later at the Higher Party School in Moscow. He began his career as head of a state farm and held a number of party posts. He later headed Stavropol's regional administration. In December 1992 Yeltsin appointed him head of administration in the neighbouring Krasnodar region and in December 1993 he was elected to the upper chamber of the Russian parliament, the Fed-

eration Council. It was from this background in the politics of the south of Russia that Yeltsin plucked Yegorov in May 1994 to become Minister for Nationality Affairs and Regional Policy. This

post suddenly became a key position as Yeltsin's opposition to the separatist regime of the Chechen leader Dzokhar Dudayev took an aggressive turn.

As events in Chechnya moved inexorably towards a Russian assault and all-out war, Yegorov was one of an inner group planning the operation which was to lead to the deaths of tens of thousands of Chechens and Russians. He worked alongside Yeltsin's security chief Alexander Korzhakov, the head of the Federal Counter-intelligence Service, Sergei Stepashin, and the minister of internal affairs Viktor Yerin. Yegorov took part in the

crucial meeting in Mozdok in north Ossetia on 8 December 1994 which put the final touches to the invasion plans. Three days later the operation began. Yeltsin upgraded Yegorov to

deputy prime minister with special responsibility for Chechnya.

However, as the Chechens put up fierce resistance to the shambolic might of Russia's military, international and domestic opinion grew increasingly critical. In late January 1995, after Yegorov had been hospitalised with alleged pneumonia, he was replaced as presidential representative in Chechnya

This marked an ignominious end to what he hoped would be the peak of his career, though he limped on until June 1995. when he was one of three senior figures fired by Yeltsin in the wake of the botched handling of the Budennovsk hostage crisis. A group of armed Chechens had seized some 2,000 hostages in a hospital in southern Russia and more than 100 people died, while the hostage-takers made it safely back to Chechnya.

as an adviser to Yeltsin (organising the inauguration ceremony for the president's second term) and briefly had a comeback in January 1996 when he was appointed presi-dential chief-of-staff. He sur-

vived in this post for only six

months, when Yeltsin culled

hardliners among his staff. He

was replaced by the more competent Anatoly Chubais. He returned to the Krasnodar region, resuming the post of governor. However, he lost his job to a Communist challenger in the December

1996 gubernatorial elections. Felix Corley

Nikolai Dmitrievich Yegorov, politician; born Zassovskoi, Krasnodar 3 May 1951; married (one son, one daughter); died Moscow 25 April 1997.

**Bunter and Others v Canary** 

Wharf Ltd; Hunter and Others v

London Docklands Development

Corporation: House of Lords

Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord

Lord Cooke of Thorndon and

Lord Hope of Craighead)

24 April 1997

nuisance.

Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hoffman,

A claim did not lie in nuisance

for interference with televi-

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defendant's land; and a person

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Court of Appeal that they had

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Canary Wharf Tower on the

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occupation of a property as a

#### Fereidoun Soudavar

Fereidoun Soudavar was one of and settled in Tehran. On com-Iran's leading entrepreneurs and industrialists, and was instrumental in ensuring the continuing study of Iran's great cultural heritage both in the universities of Britain and elsewhere.

He was born in 1908 into a family of prominent tea merchants, in the frontier city of Eshoabad, close to the corder of Iranian Khorasan with the Turkmenistan Republic, of which Eshqabad today is part. After the Russian revolution in 1917, the family returned to Iran



Soudavar: Iranian beneficence

pletion of studies in Europe. with his elder brothers. Samad and Ahmad he founded the Merrikh Company which represented Mercedes Benz in Iran. This company subse-Industrial Group.

The group included the assembly of lorries and textile manufacturing among its activities; these were crucial to the economic expansion of modern Iran. It was one of the first companies admitted to the Tehran Stock Exchange on the latter's inauguration early in 1968.

Although from 1978 Soudavar chose voluntary exile in Britain, he never voiced a criticism of his homeland; and not many years ago he endowed a hospital in Tehran.

This was only one of the many acts of philanthropy, in education, Iranian studies and cancer research, to which he devoted himself, particularly after the death of his two sons. Besides endowing a Chair in Persian Studies at Oxford University in 1987, Soudavar made the generous provision London 4 April 1997.

which ensured the continuation of the long-established Persian Studies course at Cambridge University. Similarly, at Princeton Uni-

versity he endowed undergraduate scholarships for Iranian quently grew into one of Iran's and Third World students and largest industries, the Khavar in memory of his sons Alireza and Mohammed, and contributed large sums for residencies in the field of cancer research. Latterly he furnished support for the study and presentation of Persian Art and Culture at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in New York.

Fereidoun Soudavar was an 🗎 admirable example of Iranian dignity, courtesy and beneficence; and, with his shrewd wit, excellent company. He introduced to his associates something of the light of those Iranian qualities that, throughout a long history, have survived the most grave adversities.

Peter Avery

Wise.

Fereidoun Soudavar, businessman and philanthropist: born Eshagabad, Iran 7 May 1908; married 1939 Shamsi Ámiralai (two sons deceased); died

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BULL: On 25 April 1997, at home, to Amanda (nee Smith) and Michael, a son, Jacob Frederick Henry, A broth-

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptious, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding anniversaries, in Memoriam) should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor. The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2010 and are charged at £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by

telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 8.11pm. United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989, Federation of Synagogues: 0181-302 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-323 1026.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROTAL ENGAGEMENTS.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Matthew Propert, attends the departure of the replica of John Calori, Menthew from the Occayaide, Bristol. The Duke of York aftends a dinner great by the Lython Heritage Thust of Lython Hall, Loncashur, The Princers Royal attends the Bleomenary Celebrators of February Statement of Cruelty to Children, attends the Annual General Meeting at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment rooms the Outer's Life Goard at Horse Guards, Ham. Ist Bornshoo the Royal Regiment of Wales amounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.3/fam, hand provided by the Irish Guards.

#### Birthdays

Maj-Gen David Alexander-Sinclair. 70; Dr Robert Anderson, director, British Museum, 53; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, 79; Mr Theodore Bikel, actor, 73; Professor Neil Buxton, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire, 57: The Right Rev Bruce Cameron, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 56: Sir Hugh Cortazzi, former diplomat, 73; Dr Ian Evans, Head Master, Bed-ford School, 49; Mr Alastair Forbes, journalist and writer, 79: Mr Jon Foulds, chairman, Halifax Building Society, 65; Mr Peter Foster, architect, 78; Sir Campbell Fraser, former chairman, Scottish Television, 74; Dr Patrick Hillery, former President Of the Irish Republic, 74; Professor Sir Robert Honeycombe, metallurgist, 76; Mr Engelbert Humperdinck, rock singer, 61; Mr Clive Jenkins, trade union leader, 71; Mr Michael Kaser, economist, 71; Mr Brian Lara, cricketer, 28; Dr Malcolm Lipkin, composer, 65; Miss Peggy Mount, actress, 81; Mr John Neville, actor, 72; Air Marshal Sir Ian Pedder. 71; Lord Silsoe QC, barrister, 67; Sir Ronald Sinclair, former judge, 94; Dame Nancy Snagge, former Direc-tor, WRAF, 91; Dr Benjamin Spock, child care specialist, 94; Mr David Suchet, actor, 51; Mr Alan Titch-

Anniversaries Births: Pietro Alessandro Gaspare Scarlatti, composer, 1660; Humphry Repton, landscape gardener, 1752; Jerome Klapka Jerome, novelist, 1859; Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby, singer. 1904; Deaths: Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculptor and scientist, 1519; Nancy, Viscounters Astor, the first woman to sit in Parliament. 1964; John Edgar Hoover, director of the FBL, 1972. On this day: the

marsh, broadcaster, 48; Mr Jimmy

White, snooker player, 35: Lord

Woolf, Master of the Rolls, 64.

Authorised Version (King James) of the Bible was published, 1011; Queen Elizabeth II sailed from Southampton on her maiden voyage.

1969. Today is the Feast Day of St Athanasius, Saints Exsuperius or Hesperus and Zoe, St Mefalda, St Ultan of Fosses, St Waldebert and St

#### Schools

noaks School The following awards have been announced by Sevenouks School: SEXTH FORM (16+)

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Scheller Scholer Ships: Yvonne Arlams
(Walthamstow Hall); Claire Burlington
(Walthamstow Hall); Claire Burlington
(Guidford High School); Alexander Collins
(Coopers School, Chislehurst): Eric Li (St Joseph's Singapore): Cattona Riddell (Ton-bridge Girler Granmar School).
Bleyberg International Baccalaureste Schol-sarsige: Caroline Boon (Bromkey High School): An-thony Coates (King George V, Hong Kongl: Bleanor Knox (St Swilhur), Winchester): Timsin Travers (Marist Convent. Ascot).
Alan Tamsmage Mathematics Scholarshipe Edward Blanchard Wrigglesworth (Licco Eu-roppe, Zarragoza).

Foundation Scholarship: Bonnie Leibowitch (Saltus Grammar School, Bermuda). MIDDLE SCHOOL (13+)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (134)
Major Scholarshipe, Alexander Crockford
(Sevencaks Preparatory); Ramai Elias (Hazelwood); Stuart McFarlane (Solefield);
Katharine Norton (Windlesham House).
Minor Scholarshipes Michael Dickman (New Beacon); James Smith (New Beacon); Robbic Swift (New Beacon); Miriam Taylor
(Vinchall); Saul Treger (Caremont).
Foundation Scholarships: Jay Barrymore
(Hazelwood); Laura Penfound (Holmewood
House).

JUNIOR SCHOOL (11+) JUNIOR SCHOOL (11+)
Major Scholarships: Cecily Arthur (Streete's Primary); David Ashwanden (Stapbourae Primary); Jeremy Banks (St Andrew's Edeubridge)
Minor Scholarships: Struk Harland (Underhill); Jessica Harris (Sacred Heart, Wadhurst); Helen Miles (Granville); Gullian

Ponting (Walthamstow Hall); Christopher Roche (Russell House); Camilla Singar (St Michael's, Otlord).

James Allen's Prep); James Bassendine (New Beacon); Nor Bounici (Warren Road Primary); Nicholas Cavaday (St James's Primary; Thomas de Ouinee; (British School, Caracas); Venity Ellis (St John's Primary); Kirsy Patterson (Graaville); Cecily Radinson (Russell House); Amabel Wittmann (Combe Bank).

MUSIC AWARDS NUSIC AWARDS
John Runge Music Scholarship: Rachel Dawson (Russell House).
16+ Scholarships: Tanya Barringer
(Screenoals): Pippa Jones (Wells Cathedral
School): Surah Tinstall (Sevenoals): Jennifer
Walker [Si Edmund's, Canterbury).
11+ Scholarships: Nalasha Barnes (James
Allen's Prep). Rachel Dawson (Russell
House).

House). 13+ Foundation Scholarships: Kalharine Notton (Windlesham House); Amasbel Eckar-

Heath (Sevenoals).

11.+ Foundation Scholarships: I
Brightwell (Russell House); Ivor (Warren Road Primary). 16+ Exhibitions: Vladimir Jovkovic (Forest School, Horshard): Harriet Webb (Tombrodge Girls (Insumer School).

13+ Exhibitions: Nicholas Bile (Sevenoals Prep); Miriam Taylor (Vinehall).

11+ Exhibitions: Cecily Arthur (5) Peter's

Primary). SPORTS AWARDS 16+: Olivia Berry (Ambertield School, Ip-swich; Leo Sendino-Eylor (Chancer Technical School, Canterbury); Melanie Spiers (Lycic

School, Cantering); Bleatine Spiels (Lycce St. Pjerre). 13+: Michael Diclanan (New Beacon); James Lockwood (Stoke Brunswick); Laura Penfound (Holmewood House). 11+: Laura Arthur (Kent College); Nicholas Cavaday (St. James's Primary); Leutin King (Hilden Oaks).

ART AWARDS 16+: Saiko Shunda (St Leonard's Maylield). 13+: Oliver Dale (Hazelmod). SPECIALIST AWARDS

SPECIALIST AWARDS

The Worshipfel Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Awards for Academic and Alt-Round Achievement: 16+: Camilla Askaroff (Hailsham Community Coll); David Griffiths [Evole Int Le Versean, Belgium); Charles Morris (French Int School, Hung Kong); Christopher Pepper (Donn College, Qafar); Mothoe Pokane (Vienna Int School); Jade Prentise (Guiddford High School); Siephanie Prentse (Guiddford High School); 13+: Alastan Perry (New Beacon); Christopher Williams (Solefield). home was a sufficient interest to allow the plaintiffs to sue in nuisance. The claim in the second action was in respect of excessive dust caused by the conthe Limehouse Link Road.

#### No nuisance caused by Canary Wharf tower LAW REPORT

Lord Irvine of Latin QC. Philip Havers QC and Daniel Stilitz (Leigh Day & Co) for the defendants; Daniel Brennan QC, Charles Pugh and

Lord Goff said that the question whether interference with television signals might give rise to an action in private nuisance had first been considered in Bridlington Relay Ltd v Yorkshire Electricity Board [1965] Ch 436. In that case it was held that such interference was not ac-

tionable since it interfered with

Saralı Moor (Ashurst Morris Crisp)

for the plaintiffs.

a purely recreational facility. There was, however, a more formidable obstacle to the preof television interference seat claim. As a general rule, caused by the erection of the a man was entitled to build on his own land, subject to planning control. Moreover, as a Cooke dissenting, allowed the general rule, that right was cross-appeal by the defendant not restricted by the fact that not restricted by the fact that the presence of the building might of itself interfere with his neighbour's enjoyment of his

For an action in private nuisance to lie in respect of interference with the plaintiff's enjoyment of his land, it would generally arise from something emanating from the defen-dant's land, although in relastruction by the defendants of tively rare cases activities on the defendant's land were in them-

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selves so offensive to neighbours as to constitute an actionable nuisance. The mere fact that a build-

ing on the defendant's land got in the way and so prevented something from reaching the plaintiff's land was not generally speaking enough. The plaintiffs' appeal on the first issue would accordingly be dismissed

The plaintiffs in both actions consisted of a substantial group of local people, not all of whom were householders with the exclusive right to possession of the places where they

The essence of nuisance was that it was a tort against the plaintiff's enjoyment of rights over land. Subject to the exception that a person who was in exclusive possession of land might sue in nuisance even though he could not prove title, it had for many years been regarded as settled law that a person who had no right in land could not sue in private nuisance: see Malone v Lasky [1907] 2 KB 141, which had

been followed in many cases. The Court of Appeal had departed from that line of authority in Khonzsandjian v Bush [1993] QB 727, but no assistance could be derived from

that case by the plaintiffs in the present appeals.

It followed that, on the authorities as they now stood, an action in private nuisance would only lie at the suit of a person who had a right to the land affected, and the question arose whether their Lordships should be persuaded to depart from such a principle.

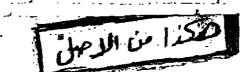
Any departure from the established law on the subject, such as that defined by the Court of Appeal in the present case, posed the problem of defining the category of persons who had the right to sue. The Court of Appeal had adopted the not easily identifiable category of those who had a "substantial link" with the land. regarding a person who occupied the premises "as a home" as having sufficent link for

that purpose. The extension of the tort in that way would, however, transform it from a tort to land into a tort to the person. That would not be an acceptable way in which to develop the law.

There was no good reason to depart from the established law. Khorasandjian v Bush must therefore be overruled in so far as it held that a mere licensee could sue in private nuisance. The appeal or cross-appeal of the defendants in both actions

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

would be allowed.



## A few rules please, in life's windfall lottery

raditionally, elections revolve monition of the return of the yuppie and large part of the polling booth calculation in the past has been. "How much better off will I be?" Yesterday's contest was different, with neither main party promising immediate changes in personal taxation. Funny that, isn't it? After all, there is suddenly an awful lot of money about to be blown by because of the astonishing £20bu cash windfall that building societies are about to drop on to the doormats of the nation. More than half of it is going to be spent on homes, holidays and cars.

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So, instead of a great political transfer of wealth, we are witnessing a completely commercial transfer of wealth equivalent to all income tax bills being halved for a year. As the Halifax, Woolwich and Northern Rock building societies cease to be mutual funds owned by their savers and borrowers, and become public limited companies owned by shareholders, 15 million people are about to become, on average, more than £1,000 richer.

This strange and largely unremarked enrichment illustrates how election debates can never really touch everything that drives our daily lives - in this case, some of the more arbitrary factors that underlie national and personal prosperity, and the distribution of per-

There is an awful air of neo-Thatcherism hanging over the country, a pre-

around pocket-book issues and a the conspicuous consumer. Then, as now, there was a strong "to him that hath" element in the accumulation of wealth, as well as an element of chance. The building society windfall is a gearing up for those who already have significant savings. Then there are the stirrings in the housing market, which bring back memories of gazumping, huge profits on houses changing hands within months, champagne consumption in City bars, and all the other epiphenomena of the Lawson Boom. No wonder Kenneth Clarke never used the b-word blazoned on Conservative adverts.

The lotteriness of life has been less

evident in the Major years, years of low inflation and a flat housing market. But now questions of the distribution of wealth, power and life-chances could come to the fore. The trickle of reports of selective rises in house prices is turning into a flood, and the injection of cash from the floating of building societies will add to the upwards pressure. Regional, local and personal variations will ensure the same combination of arbitrary gains and the enrichment of the already-rich. Only this week, there was melancholy head-shaking at the European Commission over the stark division in Britain between the South-east, one of the wealthiest regions of Europe, and many areas in the rest of the country which are among the most deprived.



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the dominance of houses as a stock of national wealth has been a fundamental weakness of the British economy, acting as an automatic destabiliser to push any up-trend into runaway inflation. But it has also acted as an engine of inequality, dividing the nation into haves, havenot-very-much, and have-lots.

And yet, as a nation and as individuals, we are remarkably casual about the forces which decide how rich we are. The two most important stores of wealth are our homes and pension funds, and yet the markets for them are riddled with ignorance, restrictive practices and

The Independent has long argued that chance. The Conservatives tried to raise pensions as an election issue, only to be blown away by a ruthlessly effective Labour scare campaign. The housing market did not feature at all, although the last government had started to do the right thing by cutting the tax subsidy for mortgage payments.

As individuals we are penny wise and pound foolish, knowing the price of petrol or beer, and prepared to switch to the cheapest outlet, but often happy to operate in the dark when it comes to buying a house or choosing a pension. making decisions which could cost thousands. Want to switch to a cheaper mort-

HEAD ON THE TORY

gage lender? Well, there is very often a penalty clause in the contract you either did not know about, or forgot about, and all that insurance stuff is tied up in knots around it too. And the scandal of pensions mis-selling has exposed the dan-gers of partial liberation there.

Nevertheless, fair competition is the right approach. The housing market needs to be freed from the anti-competitive practices of conveyancing, mortgage finance and estate agencies, while pension funds need to be tightly regulated and made more accountable to their members.

Of course, it was the very forces of competition which led to the "privatisation" of building societies and mutual insurance funds, a process which has lost a valuable principle - that of mutuality - and also a valuable element of vari-

ety. It is important that there should be some forms of economic organisation other than the limited company, but the sloping playing field of the law needs to be levelled in favour of co-operative structures.

The principle of the level playing field needs to be applied more widely. It is not possible, of course, for public policy to compensate for the vicissitudes of luck in life, but the unfair advantages enjoyed by those who are already fortunate ought to be suppressed in favour of the unfortunate.

The remaining subsidy for mortgage payments should be phased out, and the

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(WHERE IT WILL DO LEAST DAMAGE)

WHILE BLINDFOLDED ATTEMPT

TO AFFIX APPROPRIATE HEAD

IN APPROPRIATE POSITION

THE WINNER ?

**Eurostar should** 

fit platforms

Sir: If I understand correctly,

Eurostar is unable to run services

north of Euston as originally planned because its trains damage

overhead lines (report, 28 April).

Eurostar also had the problem of

its trains being bigger than normal

platforms were shaved - at public

expense - to fit them. It now sounds

as though the public (whether fare-

difference) have to meet the cost of

adaptations to overhead lines and

Surely when Eurostar bought the

trains, it would have been simple

enough to specify that the trains

should run in Britain. Changing

everything else to suit the trains

bit like putting the private cart

Sir: We used to have a train from

Birmingham New Street which was

run to connect with the Eurostar at

Waterioo. Each morning it would

"normal" Intercity to Euston filled

Many people travelling to south

London expressed interest in using

the Waterloo train, but since only

Eurostar travellers were allowed

on, the service quietly died. Why

It would not then matter if it did

not reinstate it as an open service?

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DAVID H McLEAN

London N4

passengers.

JANE BARRY

rather than changing the trains to

suit existing infrastructure sounds a

signalling on every major route

where Eurostar wishes to run.

British trains and so various

or tax-paying makes little

DON'T BE SILLY

tax advantages of pensions should be tilted towards those with smaller second pensions or none at all.

The lottery of inheritance, in which the value of property plays such an enormous role, is the final key issue in the distribution of wealth. This is a sensitive issue touching on the primal human instinct to safeguard our young; but a society which wants to give real meaning to the concept of open, meritocratic opportunity has to try harder to distribute jackpots more evenly.

#### Anxiety gene lost, but don't panic

The scientists who found the "anxi-Lety gene" are worried. They thought they had found a gene which predisposed people to anxiety attacks and stress. But a new study cannot find it. This is beginning to look like carelessness. They lost the "gay gene" two years ago, and a "novelty-seeking gene" has also gone missing. And it is not just the determinists who are under stress. The creationists have had a setback too. Lizards introduced to the Bahamas 20 years ago have already evolved, adapting to their local environment. We can evolve, even quickly, but we are not prisoners of our genes. There's a blessing, on this day of change.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

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#### The shame of Britain's crowded jails Me Monte out the World

prison population of England and Wales now exceeds 60,000 (report, 30 April) means that it has increased by nearly 50 per cent since the end of 1992, when the number of prisoners stood at 40,600. This country now has 116 prisoners for every 100,000 people in the general population, compared with 89 in France, 84 in Germany, 67 in Holland and 65 in Sweden. In the whole of Western Europe only Spain and Portugal jail proportionately more people

The pressure of numbers is most acute in the Victorian-built city centre prisons, which always bear the brunt of overcrowding. Sixteen such prisons are now more than 30 per cent overcrowded. Ten jails are overcrowded by more than 50 per cent, five by over 70 per cent, three by over 80 per cent, and one by over 90 per cent. More than 10,000 prisoners are now being held two to

a cell designed for one person. toughness at the expense of effectiveness and justice. As a result, money which should be devoted to improving regimes is being wasted on desperate attempts to expand the prison system by such makeshift methods as prison ships and converted holiday camps.

reverse this punitive trend if it is to give prisons a real chance of rehabilitating offenders, rather than turning out embittered prisoners who are more likely to PAUL CAVADINO

#### **Abuse flourishes** in silence

Sir: Jo Brand (19 April) is not alone in regretting her inability to "whistleblow" when faced with abuse within a residential home for adults with learning disabilities. Here at Respond we provide therapy and counselling to a growing number of people who have been sexually abused in just such circumstances of silence and fear. The ability to whistleblow is reduced when faced with a pervasive culture of denial and disbelief that this level of exploitation can happen to those

who rely on us for care and support. Research from the University of Kent in 1992 concluded that the average annual number of people with learning disabilities being sexually abused is almost 1,000. This staggering figure makes more sense when one considers the extreme vulnerability of this section of society to physical. emotional and sexual abuse. Many of the men and women we work with had been abused for years before their voices were finally heard. Sometimes it takes the bravery of a worker to bring the trauma to light. Sometimes it takes the desperate actions of the victim

themselves. Our legal system places victims of sexual abuse who have learning disabilities at a cruel disadvantage, with the majority of cases failing to reach court. Our work at Respond. is concerned primarily with providing therapeutic justice to those whose experience of sexual

### Sir: The shameful news that the

than we do.

The record prison population is the result of an increasingly crude penal policy which has emphasised

Any new government must

Chair, Penal Affairs Consortium London SW9

#### abuse has been buried deep inside

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JUST BEEN RETURNED

TO Nº 10

BUT CAN YOU TELL

THE DIFFERENCE AND

PUT THE RIGHT P.M.

IN OFFICE ?

Our work will become easier if, like Jo Brand, more people have the courage to bring the issue into the public arena. It combines many of society's taboos - sex, disability and abuse - and is thus rarely discussed, a situation that leaves victims of abuse further traumatised by our failure to

ALAN CORBETT Acting Clinical Director London, NWI

#### Fruity veg for healthy children

Sir. We are writing to comment on the new "wacky veg" that your reporter tried out on children in year Four at our school ("Chocolate flavoured veg acts as carrot for healthy eating", 22 April). We both think that it is a totally

absurd idea. One reason to disapprove of the idea of "flavoured vegetables" is that putting unhealthy flavouring into healthy food will not encourage children to eat healthy food but to eat the unhealthy foods that have those flavours. Another reason is that children who like real vegetables will start eating fake vegetables and not want to go back to the real thing.

Here is a suggestion: the vegetables could be favoured with fruit or other healthy foods which children like. EMILY STOPES-ROE NIAMH BRENNAN-BERNATT (Year Six) Gillespie School

#### Boar image on Beowulf's helmet safe on roads

Sir. The account by your

archaeology correspondent. "Ancient Saxon tomb yields royal treasures" (23 April) is misleading in the claim that a boar motif on the helmet indicates that this was a royal grave of an Anglo-Saxon king. It is a remarkable discovery and the artefacts indicate that the grave was of a high status, but not conclusively royal. Such helmets were familiar to the Beowulf poet, for he mentions them five times. Beownlf's helmet is "besette swin-licum" (1.1453), "set around with. boar images", and in another instance, "sweord swate fah swin ofer helme" (1.1286), "the sword stained with gore the swine above the belmet", which brings to mind

the free-standing boar on the Benty Grange helmet (Sheffield Museum), the closest parallel to the Northamptonshire find. In Swedish finds from the sixth and seventh centuries, warriors wearing boarcrested helmets appear on a helmet plate from Vendel Gr 1, and on dies for creating stamped bronze helmet foils from Torshunda, Øland.

There is evidence that the boarcrested helmet is not confined to the Germanic world of the migration period. It makes its appearance much earlier on two warriors depicted in chased silver from the inside of the Gundestrup cauldron. Demnark, which is Celtic work of the first or second century BC. Dr GEORGE SPEAKE Banbury, Oxfordshire

### Nuclear waste

Sir: Your reporter is wrong in asserting that there was a leakage of radioactive waste from a container en route from Trawsfynydd power station ("Inquiry into radioactivity scare", 23 April). There was no accident and the steel box was not damaged What Magnox Electric is investigating is how surface readings on the container were found on arrival to be above the

permitted limit, though still far too low to cause anyone any harm. Professor George Huxley (Letters, 28 April) asks why Magnox Electric uses road transport. The answer is that it is safe, reliable and economic. Lowlevel waste - typically redundant plant, lightly contaminated protective clothing and cleaning materials as well as dust and debris trapped by clean-up systems - is transported in robust steel containers approved by the regulator for road transport. Nevertheless, the vast majority of Magnox Electric's radioactive material movements do indeed

travel by rail. There are now around half-amillion package movements of radioactive material a year involving hospitals, universities, and manufacturing companies as well as the nuclear industry and they are all governed by stringent safety measures. Magnox Electric has been transporting radioactive materials for 35 years, and we have

not had a single accident resulting in a release of radioactive material. ATELLIS Station Manager

Magnox Trawsfynydd Power Station Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd

#### Blame shaving

Sir: Could it be that women have been spared the cumulative effect of years of residual shaving foam, or the buzzing of electric razors near the ears, which has reduced the sensitivity to noise of the male of the species?

Can any of your readers suggest who might be sued if this turns out to be the cause of distress for Geraldine O'Farrell (letter, 29 April) and Mair Gaunt (letter, 26 April)? CHRIS PERRY

Henford

#### Young masters

Sir: In his piece on Sir Roy Strong's diaries (29 April) Jonathan Glancey describes Sir Roy as the youngest ever director of a national collection, having been appointed to the National Portrait Gallery at the age of 31.

In June 1933 when Kenneth Clark, later Lord Clark, received a telegram from Ramsay MacDonald offering him the directorship of the National Gallery, he was "still

under thirty". **BRIAN HUTTON** Kingston Blount, Oxford

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#### |Cyclist driven to despair

Sir: I am concerned about the behaviour of motorists towards cyclists. I am a 23-year-old Swiss girl who has been living in Reading

for six months. Previously I had been living in Italy for a long time. Although the motorists were temperamental. they still respected the cyclists. In England the bicycle culture is very different from Italy and Switzerland. Here, every day I nearly get hit by a careless driver who doesn't take any notice of me

on my bicycle.

A friend of mine recently got knocked down by a car whose driver wasn't paying any attention. I am very upset and can't put up with this situation any more. In my country cycling is much safer because motorists are more considerate and there are far more cycle lanes.

M FIEDLER Reading, Berkshire

Sir: Jeremy Garson (letter, 28 April) perpetuates the myth, common among motorists, that illegal parking is not a crime. It is. It is a crime whether the car is parked on a yellow line for one second or one hour.

This myth is perpetuated by the lack of enforcement of the law and the minimal fines. In many cities cars can be seen parked nose-to-tail on double lines and blocking bus stops and bus lanes with no parking tickets in sight.

This is a case for zero tolerance. Any vehicle parked illegally at any time deserves a ticket and a fine many times the current level, together with endorsement of the driver's licence. Then we might free the streets for public transport and CHRISTOPHER FREEL

Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire Sir. British traffic wardens are not always as inhuman as Jeremy Garson makes out (letter, 28 April). Were he a parent with a four-wheel drive complete with bull bars, he could park his vehicle for 20 minutes or more in this part of Wandsworth while he disappeared some distance up the road to collect his child from its exclusive

private preparatory school without fear of the wardens ever being in the vicinity. Admittedly at any other time they would behave as he maintains and issue a ticket within minutes even if he appeared on the scene before they had finished doing so. MICHAEL CLARKE London SW15

#### Smug to shun TV

Sir: It is ironic that I read about the planned White Dot campaign, to turn television off for a week and make us all better people (report, 26 April), while visiting Paris for a conference on young people and the media.

We suffered the trials of such a campaign in 1992 (the Great New Zealand Television Turn-Off Week) and it didn't do any thing at all to change television. All it did was increase the smugness of those participating. Turning off television does nothing; teaching about it, in a critical sense, in schools and

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universities does much more. I hope British viewers have the sense to ignore this intrusion into their lives.

GEOFF LEALAND Senior Lecturer in Film and Television Studies University of Waikato

# 18 years of Tory rule? Sorry, I missed it

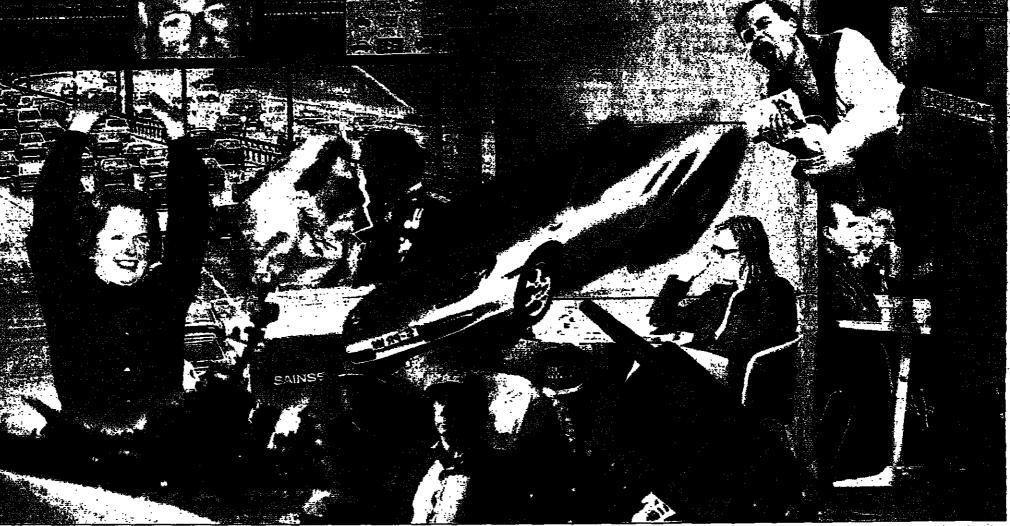
Half the population has no memory of a Labour Britain. Rupert Cornwell, however, never experienced the upheavals of the Conservative era. Now he's back in a land that has been transformed since he left in 1978

> arring the very end of the endgame, I missed it all: every queenly "we" from the Lady herself, every purselipped retreat by her successor, the greed of the Roaring Eighties and the sourness of the Nineties, privatisation and the vanquishing of the unions, the dysfunctions of the Royal Family and the collapse of English cricket - in short the lot. Everything, all 18 years of Tory rule. Labour it was when I left for Italy in October 1978, having been a political correspondent for the Financial Times. Now, four consecutive foreign postings and one newspaper later. I am back. And Labour it will surely be again when the cock crows at dawn today.

Half the population, it is said, have no memory of a Labour Britain. Having been abroad throughout the Heath vears too, I have no memory of a Conservative one. Apart from their official visits to countries where I lived, Margaret Thatcher and John Major are the Prime Ministers who never were. My abiding image of the Commons is a scowling James Callaghan stalking the committee corridor followed by a posse of nervous retainers. As far as I am concerned, he is being succeeded by the sweet-smiling but evidently super-dis-ciplined Tony Blair. There is, alas, one problem: in between, Britain and British politics have been transformed. The returning time traveller seeks to regain his bearings, yearning for the familiar.

Old Labour, New Labour - Old Britain. New Britain. This is a richer place, but also rougher, tougher, coarser and unkinder. The reserve and pseudogenteelness that still flourished in the late Seventies have gone. For proof, just look at my business, where even the "quality press" has turned into brassy propaganda sheets, and articles about sex adorn every other page. Who said the British are prudish? Divisions of class are giving way to no less stark divisions of wealth. Clearly, however, there is no desire for a return to pre-Thatcher: rather for a nudge back towards the centre and a more caring capitalism, where somebody remembers the poor, the infirm and the less gifted.

The quest for pre-Thatcher political faces is equally arduous. I found three on the BBC TV panel assembled by Robin Day each morning. But they were



not active politicians but listed national monuments: Norman Tebbit, the semihousetrained polecat turned benign saloon-bar sage; an ever jowlier Roy Hattersley for Labour's corner, and sage Roy Jenkins for the Liberal Democrats - flirting with self-parody but retaining enough authority to make one wonder what might have been, had he succeeded Harold Wilson in 1976.

Others I remember from the late Seventies are very much in business. A then eager beaver from Tory Central Office research department called Michael Portillo now needs no introduction. Nor does William Hague, star-turn for the Thatcher-jugend at the Tory conference of 1977, who I discover on my return has been installed by the bookies as co-favourite with Portillo to become the next party leader. But their hands will not be on the levers of power in the new parliament. As for today's party leaders, they weren't even MPs when I last prowled Westminster, John Major was still a rising executive at the Standard Chartered Bank, Tony Blair was in London law chambers as a labour lawyer, while Paddy Ashdown was working for Westland helicopters in Ycovil. Of the Blairite high command, only Robin Cook was an MP, remembered by me as an ornery left-wing opponent of devolution. Now he is poised to star in a Labour government that may gen-uinely devolve. But that is the tiniest of the adjustments to be made.

In the Seventies Britain I left, Cabinet meetings mattered less for the governance of the country than those infamous beer and sandwich sessions at Downing Street when we hung on every utterance of Messrs Murray, Jones and Scanlon. Some say the unions are plotting an early test of Blair, but to my shame I cannot even name today's general secretary of the TUC. Back then, the miners and the dockers were the mightiest constituencies in the land, the latter overweening enough to demand the Dock Labour Regulation Bill, which gave them a cargo-handling monopoly within five miles of a dockyard. Thanks to the defection of two moderate Labour MPs, the bill would be defeated, forcing the minority Callaghan government into the Lib-Lah pact. Looking back, what is amazing is not that the measure failed, but that it was ever put forward at all.

nd where oh where is the National Executive Committee? Back then each meeting of the NEC was a bloodbath, a monthly ritual of left-wing rebellion only quashed by a threat by Callaghan to resign. Today Blair apparently controls all but two seats on the executive. As for the miners, the number of pits still open, I am told, has dropped from many hundreds to 29. In both Parliament and the country, the hard left is vanquished. These days, if anyone practices "entryism", it is not the militant Trotskyites who used to stage constituency committee ambushes on over-moderate sitting MPs, but the Blairites bent on eradicating the last of what Mikhail Gorbachev called "old thinking". At Westminster the once fearsome Tribune group has become a flock of lambs, and in the process rendered the now dis-

banded Manifesto group superfluous. Or take Europe. At Westminster the issue has always generated civil war, but the combatants are reversed. In those sense from the continentals (Blair,

days Labour's pro- and anti-marketeers feuded over issues like proportional voting for the Strasbourg parliament, and most of them saw Europe as citadel of the claret-sipping boss class, and Roy Jenkins as the ultimate betraver of socialism and national sovereignty. Their successors have long concluded that Brussels is a more dependable protector of a British working man's rights than home-grown Conservatives preaching

unfettered market economics. But this transformation - and every other by-product of the Thatcher revolution - I only observed from afar. Already in Rome when she was elected. I followed the Falklands conflict from a deeply ambivalent Italy. By the time she routed the miners in 1984/85. I had moved on to Bonn. From Moscow I watched the stunning Kremlin coup in London which overthrew her. By the time John Major won election in his own right, I was in Washington, safely removed from sterling ejection from the ERM in September 1992, and the fin de regime air which settled upon the Conservatives thereafter. I have only seen the final death throes of Tory government - not so much the thrashing of a mighty tail as the few faint twitches of an already despatched corpse.

But for one returning from the US. New Labour is old news. The similarities of Blair vs Major 1997 and Clinton vs Dole 1996 are overwhelming - the shift of the entire political spectrum in both countries to the right, the fixation on the leaders to the exclusion of all else, the shameless stealing of an opponents' best issues, the deliberate lack of specifics, and the retreat into thunderous banality whenever awkward detail presses. Certainly, Blair appears to function on a higher plane of personal morality than the irredeemably tacky Clinton. But who are the greater scoundrels: American presidential candidates with their mantra of "The Greatest Nation on Earth" or their counterparts here, promising to be "British patriots" who will take no nonMajor. Ashdown, passim)? I even heard one of them talk about "restoring the British Dream". Next time around, it will be every speech ending with "God Bless the United Kingdom".

Already, though, and undeniably. the Almighty is looking more kindly on his British subjects than two decades ago. My two years as a lobby correspondent for the Financial Times must have been the nadir of of post-war Britain, symbolised by Denis Healey's U-turn on the road to London airport and the subsequent stand-by loan from the International Monetary Fund, which came close to splitting the cabinet. Labour then was as detested as the Conservatives now: my very first assignment was Labour's stunning by-election defeat in its citadel of Workington - a punishment all too familiar of late to Major's Conservatives.

ut the most fitting emblem of the was the Thorpe affair, a Krakatoa of a scandal featuring a dead dog, a murder plot, and the dis-grace of the leader of England's oldest political party. Above all, though, it was a metaphor for the state of the country. of humbug exposed, reputations destroyed and illusions stripped away. Compared to Thorpe, the sleaze eruptions of the Major years, it seems to me, reflect more an ever-growing media obsession with sex and money than any abrupt collapse of political morality.

Musing last month on the state of pre-electoral Britain, Die Zeit lamented the passing of old imperial graces and likened contemporary Britain to a "Switzerland in the North Sea": selfish, smug and stubborn. But that is surely preferable to being an offshore version of the Ottoman Empire, circa 1900, which Britain was passably imitating when I left after Callaghan funked an early election in October 1978.

Two decades and four lost elections later, both the Labour Party he leads and the country Blair inherits are utterly different. His England is far more efficient, businesslike and productive than From miners to Major, Lady Di to Loadsamoney: changes in the political and cultural landscape

the one I remember - though I still can't believe we have turned from sick man of Europe into the leader of the new capitalism. Unarguably, the place is simultaneously both more American and more European; the former visible not only in the political process but in the language, the fabric of daily life and culture - for worse and for better. If British television increasingly resembles the vapid American networks, what miracle has overtaken our telephone system? Services such as directory enquiries used to be a refined form of water torture. Now they yield nothing to their American equivalents.

As for Europe, who can stop its encroachment? Certainly, and deliciously, not Thatcher's children desperate to defend their island fortress. Our politicians may mock the Connent, but when Battersea is full of French and Italian restaurants and they sing "La Marseillaise" at Old Trafford. you realise the limits of little England. In this interdependent world national rivalries may be played out on the sports field, but not so fiercely as to prevent Eric Cantona becoming an honorary Englishman. That would never have happened in Callaghan's day.

At which point a thought impinges. Maybe Britain, ever pulled in opposite directions across the Channel and the Atlantic, is for once getting the best of both worlds. Thus does London become what Newsweek and the like extol as the coolest city on the planet, a distinction whose main effect, to my silent fury, is to add a few more thousand pounds to the cost of the house I must buy. And truly there is a bit of a fizz in the air, so different from Callaghan's resigned and sullen land, waiting for its chance to throw the rascals out. They did, and this week sees the passing of a Tory era. For me though, it is the belated funeral of a vanished Labour England.

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### The jokes that time forgot

was saying the other day that The Guardian was Once known as the home of misprints, but that as it had shaken off that reputation, we needed a new one. I suggested the Radio Times as a source of misprints and asked for offerings, which of course has led to many kind readers sending me misprints from The Independent, so I'll hold fire on that one for a while ...

But the idea of Aunt Sallys generally is an interesting one, the way in which something can be exceedingly funny to everyone one year and be forgotten the next. One year we think it is hilarious to say "Norway 🗕 nul points", and the next we wonder why we ever laughed. Nothing ever stays funny (except perhaps sex, death and other people's misfortunes). Our favourite targets fall out of fashion and

There was a time, not so long ago, when you could get an instant laugh by invoking the name of Group 4. Not any more. We still remember, sort of, that Group 4 became accidentprone for a while and kept losing things and people it

are forgotten.

was guarding, but it's a distant memory now and too faint to raise a laugh. Historians will have to tell us

why we laughed. Similarly, I can remember my father laughing at comedians on the radio making fun of the groundnut scheme, and Beveridge, and rationing, and nylon stockings. It must be a good many years since anyone got a laugh out of the groundnut scheme, yet the equivalent of the groundnut scheme is always turning up.

In the last week or two. Channel 5 has become an instant laugh object. I can't get Channel 5 and I don't want to, but even I know enough about it to register jokes about it. (Mark you. I can also remember a time when Channel 4 was good for instant laughs, as a symbol of all that was pretentious and avant-garde and unwatchable.)

I have heard comedians in the last few weeks get laughs out of the Spice Girls (I'll scream if I hear the one about Old Spice Girls again) and I have heard the jokes about Dudley Moore coming back to do pantomime in



Miles Kington

Southampton (FII scream if I hear the one about "Your movie career! It's behind you!" again) but I wager that unless someone writes down the reasons behind these passing outbreaks of jokes. we may be baffled in 10 years' time as to why anyone should have thought they were funny.

Some targets do last a long time. Quentin Crisp records that when he first arrived in London people were still whispering stories about Oscar Wilde. Well, I can beat that. When I first went to

making Oscar Wilde jokes. (1 can even remember one. Here it is. Oscar Wilde

comes out of prison and checks into a hotel, where he is seen going to his room with one of the hotel's page boys. He is stopped by the hotel manager, who says: "Oh. Mr Wilde - I thought you were going to turn over a new leaf!" "So I am," says Wilde, "but I think I'll just get to the bottom of this page first ..." At the age of 13, when I had never heard of Oscar Wilde and wasn't aware of homosexuality, this joke took some explaining.)

Oscar Wilde had been a butt of jokes in his lifetime, of course, whether at the hands of Gilbert and Sullivan, or Punch, or the music hall, but we are told that jokes about the Royal Family are something new, and that respect has always precluded them being made an Aunt Sally. This may be true in this country, but not elsewhere.

Edward VII, when Prince of Wales, was regarded abroad not as a future monarch but as a lecherous old brute. When he went to Paris, his female companion

was not always the woman to whom he was married, and on one of these occasions some French humorist inserted in the French papers an advertisement saying: "Princess Alexandra wishes it to be known that she is the rightful Princess of Wales, and that anyone else trading under that name or carrying out her functions with the Prince of Wales is an impostor and should be

treated as such." One cannot imagine anyone in Victorian England making such a joke. Nowadays people do joke about the Prince of Wales. but in a very different way. and one day we will have to have the jokes about him talking to the flowers explained as well, just as young people today have no idea why we once laughed at the very mention of George Brown being drunk, or the Red Dean, or Sabrina, or the unfinished Sydney Opera House, or Red Robbo, or parking meters, or Mrs Mills. or Andrew Lloyd Webber, or Centre Point, or Brendan Behan, or the Sinclair C-5 ...

Did someone say, or John

# Why the military is still no place for a woman

elmar Simpson, a 32-year-old drill sergeant at the Aberdeen training centre in Maryland, could well be remembered as the man who reversed US thinking on mixed training in the army. Convicted by a court martial this week on 18 counts of rape – all the vic-tims were female trainees in his charge - he will plead next

Monday against a likely sentence of life imprisonment.

If Simpson were just one bad egg in an otherwise professional and distribited arms training and disciplined army training system, his case could be dismissed as a regrettable excep-tion. Evidence that emerged during Simpson's investigation and trial, however, suggests something different. He is only the first of at least a dozen Aberdeen drill sergeants facing sexual misconduct charges. And while one senior officer went on record as saying that discipline at Aberdeen was "the worst" he had seen, more than 300 army sex investigations are in progress, involving army training bases across the US.

Responses to the case have been predictably split. To opponents of equal opportunities for women in the armed forces, the Delmar Simpson case seems only to confirm the view that mixing the sexes in the military is asking for trouble. Temptation is put in everyone's way, disci-pline is put at risk. For sup-porters of women in the forces, the case only confirms their view that the prevailing atmosphere in the army is hostile to

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women. They welcomed the trial, and the verdict, as a sign that women recruits' allegations about sexual harassment, and worse, are at last being taken seriously, but they noted that the number of cases still outstanding shows how

far there is to go.
In between these straightforward responses, however, lies a host of complexities that reveal what a tangled web the US has woven in mixing army training. The official position is clear. Women recruits can train alongside men and, following a Congress decision of 1988, may take combat roles. However, "fraternisation" across ranks - often a euphemism for sexual relations - is an offence; so is adultery. Punishment ranges from a reprimand and coun-

selling, through dismissal and forfeit of pen-sion, to court martial and prison. This is the theory. But if only a fraction of the allegations about what went on at the Aberdeen training centre are true - "Con- lurched to the opposite attitude of "Ask all. Tell sensual sex was rampant at army base", said a Washington Post headline - the clear disciplinarian line was far from being universal practice. The three-month army training course at Aberdeen is said to have been regarded by many recruits, men and women alike, as one long party. Officers speak of finding liquor bottles and used condoms littering dormitory floors when they came on duty each morning. The women, it is said, enjoyed being outnumbered by men. The officers and instructors, who were predominantly male, found them-



Mary Dejevsky

In the rush to declare the US army an 'equal opportunity'

employer, its very nature may have been overlooked

> gauntlet of lewd and drunken officers). This throws up hard cases and leaves the forces treading a very fine line between enforcing military discipline for the general good and dictating personal morality for its

selves in the paradistacal situa-tion of having almost instant access to young women who

were under orders to "obey".

many forms. Evidence given by

a dozen or so women trainees to

the Aberdeen court martial

indicated that some "obeyed"

out of lear, others out of ambi-

tion. Some admitted to willing

compliance. Five who withdrew

rape allegations on the eve of the trial said they had "agreed" to sex with Simpson, but had been pressured by investigators

to say they had been raped.

Army rules give women an infi-nitely greater incentive to claim

rape than to admit to "consen-

sual" sex. The latter is an offence

that could end their career; the

former, which absolves them of

responsibility, ruins only the

man's career while leaving their

While there is no suggestion from the reported evidence that

Simpson's trial was anything but fair, it is possible to argue that

the court martial jury, consisting of five men (three white, two black) and one woman (white), might have felt under pressure, given the climate of US opinion, and to the pressured of a pressure.

not to run scared of a rape con-viction. It also seems that the armed forces are applying the rules on sexual relations with a

new rigour in an attempt to

avoid embarrassing charges of cover-ups (as in the Tailhook

sexual harassment incident six

years ago, when female navy

Ohedience, though, takes

An egregious example is that of Kelly Flinn, at 26 the only woman pilot of a B52 bomber. After expensive training, which she completed as top of her class, she is now suspended from duty, awaiting court martial next month for adultery. The charge relates to an affair with a civilian soccer coach who was in the process of divorcing his wife. Because her lover was married, the affair was regarded as a breach of military discipline.

Until recently, it is said, the preferred attitude to affairs in the military was similar to the official attitude towards homosexuals: "Don't ask. Don't tell." That no longer seems to be all," which tries to enforce discipline by probing the finer reaches of a soldier's private life. It is easy to say that officers should be

trained to take a common-sense approach and act only where military discipline and the effectiveness of the fighting force is threatened. But that, however, poses a fundamental question which seems to have been overlooked in the rush to make the armed forces an "equal opportunities employer": can the army be a modern profession without embodying a male

# Will men surrender to the Fluffragettes?

#### by Suzanne Moore

oday may be a good day to talk about women and Parliament than ever before, But the important political

question that must be addressed is where they stand on the Fluffy issue. The Fluffy Manifesto, "the most sig-nificant new movement for women since Germaine Greer wrote The Female Eunuch", was launched last week in the *Daily Mail* by Cherri Gilham. Already prominent Fluff-ragettes are rushing to sign themselves up. The flufferati are proud to come out as giggling, pouting and cooing their way to emancipation. They must never contradict men or be aggressive. No shricking is allowed. Eyelashes must be fluttered at all times, and the Export fluttered at all times, and the F-word,

feminism, is strictly verboten. Fluffy ladies know that real fluffiness is almost spiritual. It comes from the inside. You cannot fake it, though you may have to spend a fortune producing the femininity that is required to fool men that you are not a threat to them

I don't mind female impersonators, myself; after all, I've spent years in drag, but I draw the line at being told to think kindly of men. I must confess, also, that the central thrust of this movement - if thrust is not too virile a word - is one that I don't fully understand. The idea is apparently to put the "feminimity back in to feminism", as though there has been some feminimity deficit that now has to be made up for.

Has feminism drained the nation's womanhood of its most precious attributes – its lipstick, its hair spray, its essential "velvetiness"? Surely not. If that were the case, we could no longer tell men and women apart, and then God knows how we could continue to systematically discriminate against the fairer sex.

That, of course, is the great fear about feminism; that a movement designed to stop discrimination on the grounds of sexual difference will in the end do away with sexual difference itself. Everyone will be just the same, and that would not be fun.

Actually, the opposite is true - we are obsessed with sexual difference. Books are sold on the sole basis that they explain the difference between the sexes, or that they tell each gender how to communicate with the other. We worry that girls are doing better than boys, that men have lost the traditional crutches of their identity, that women are becoming more violent. Yet we still carry on carrying on with each other, making the best of a bad lot.

Many analysts, whether male or female, are in rough agreement about one thing. The problems we are facing are not to do with the fact that women are becoming like men, or even that they are not womanly enough. The problem is that men are too much like



Cherri Gilham, founder of the Fluffy Club and former TV glamour girl

#### They will pout their way to power. Feminism is the forbidden F-word

men and must learn to be a little less so if any progress is to made. Still, enough of masculinity in crisis.

We don't want to upset the poor buggers. Instead, we must assume power without them even knowing, so that they don't feel a thing.

As if the Fluffy Manifesto wasn't enough, one can always be a Princessa. The Princessa, written by Harriet Rubin (published by Bloomsbury in May), is

billed as "Machiavelli for women". Princessas know that it's OK to cry in the office, flirt with policemen, react emotionally, and wear brightly coloured clothes. Princessas are slightly fluffy but the thing about a princessa is that she knows that it's war out there. Conflict, which women are taught to avoid, is always a form of contact both requiring power and building power. Machia-velli's advice to the Prince didn't, as I recall, involve fashion tips, but I sup-

pose you can't have everything.

The Princessa is a glorified self-help book. It is full of old-fashioned advice which basically amounts to telling women to use their feminine wiles. After a lot of sub-Buddhist babble and a trawl through some tough cookies. from Joan of Arc to Jacqueline Onassis, it boils down to this: a princessa's weapons are clothes, voice, hair, jewellery, posture, make-up and tears.

Yes, that's right, tears are always useful. If only Joan of Arc had some tearproof mascara, things might have been very different.

The trouble is, you see, so many of us suffer from "power anorexia". We deliberately starve ourselves of power when presumably we could be stuffing down our throats.

Rubin and her fellow fluffies neath sidestep the question of what power might actually be, though Rubin helpfully informs us that men crave disempowerment. Hell, why bring the real world into this? All that deathly dull stuff about equal pay, equal representation, equal rights is not the way to go. We must not play by their rules, but make our own. This highly individualised notion of power - power as a personal and psychological

attribute - ignores systems, structures, institutions. It makes power something that a wily woman can achieve not by connecting with other women, but by emphasising her sepa-rateness from them, à la Margaret

It is true enough to say that feminism has a problem with power and has retreated from adequately addressing what it means. Many women, having bought the idea that power means having what men have now, wonder if it is worth it. Is the double shift of work and domestic labour, which means a 14-hour day, any sort of power for anyone? The result is a flight into New Age mysticism, with its accent on female spiritual power and its lack of gagement with material culture.

The third way, and the one currently officially sanctioned, are tired re-runs of female sexual power. Here the Spice Girls and Naomi Wolf come together in some multiple orgasmic universe where with enough zig-a-zig ahhing they can get in touch with their own inner sluts and make lots of dosh in the process.

Female aggression is no threat to any-one if it is limited to sexual aggression and then marketed as titillation. So it's 1997, and we have to choose between the fluffies, the princessas, the Spices and self-obsessed slut redeemers. Men must be quaking in their boots at the very prospect of having to take their pick from this monstrous regiment, I'm sure.

Perhaps I should cash in my chips and write a self-help book myself. I could call it Redefining Winning, A Handbook for Happy Slappers. Born Losers might be a better title, but I wouldn't want to sound bitter and twisted, because let's face it, men just don't find that sort of thing very attractive.

### How America bombed in Iraq

#### Patrick Cockburn examines the disastrous track record of the man who would run the CIA

hen an intelligence agency has a sud-den fit of honesty, wrings its hands and publicly admits to doing wrong, outside observers usually count their fingers and check their wallets. Some did so last month when America's Central Intelligence Agency admitted failure at a rare press conference at its headquarters in Langley, Virginia. It said it had known about an Iraqi nerve gas depot in 1991, but had still allowed the US army to blow it up, possibly endangering American troops.

"This is the chapter that lays out some not-so-pretty news," said Robert Walpole, the CIA's expert on Gulf war disease. "I'll give that apology - we should have given out that information sooner." With a reputation for almost excessive probity

thus established. George J Tenet, the acting director of the CIA, goes before the Senate Intelligence Committee next week with every expectation that he will be confirmed in the post. There is no sign that the committee, of which Mr Tenet was staff director for four years, will ask to open other, more embarrassing chapters in the history of the CIA's involvement in Iraq.

If they did so, they might like to ask how it was that the CIA's network in northern Iraq, one of its largest operations, was liquidated after a series of blunders in which some 300 Iraqis died. When Iraq captured the Kurdish capital of Arbil last August, the CIA was just as surprised as it was in 1990 when Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, invaded Kuwait. Within hours of the attack, Iraqi execution squads massacred 120 Iraqis working for the CIA-backed Iraqi National Congress. It was the last chapter in a disastrous

attempt by the CIA to overthrow Saddam. The CIA had long supported some factions of the Iraqi opposition, though without much enthusiasm. Between 1992 and 1995, the money spent on its covert operations against Baghdad dropped from \$40m to \$15m. But in the summer of 1995, John Deutch became CIA director, with George Tenet as his deputy. American esteem for the agency had fallen after the arrest as a Russian spy of Aldrich Ames, one of its senior officers. Almost immediately an opportunity to restore the agency's reputation beck-

In August 1995, Lt Gen Hussein Kamel, Sadoned in Iraq. in August 1999, fied to Jordan. He said that It is not exactly, as ordinary Iraqis believe, that



George J Tenet is set to become director of the CIA despite the débacle of its attempts to undermine Saddam, pictured (right) at his recent birthday celebrations



he had escaped because he feared that Uday, Saddam's eldest son, would kill him. The core of the Iraqi regime seemed to be fragmenting, and for the first time in years the Iraqi leader looked vulnerable. The instrument chosen by the CIA to foment

a coup in Baghdad tells a great deal about American policy towards Iraq. It was the Iraqi National Accord (INA), one of the most conservative of the opposition organisations. Led by Dr Iyad Mohammed Alawi, a physician from Baghdad who had fled to London in 1971, it recruited army officers, intelligence officials and members of the ruling Ba'ath party. It wanted to replace Saddam with a minimum of disruption. Brigadier Adnan Mohammed al-Nuri, one of the INA's military leaders, resigned from the organisation last year, complaining of its rejection of radical change. He said: "I do not accept exchanging one Saddam for another." This was exactly what the CIA wanted to do.

the US wants Saddam to stay in power. But it is determined that his fall should not benefit Iran. which supports Iraq's Shia Muslims, a majority of the population. In 1991, President George Bush allowed the Iraqi government to use helicopter gunships against Shia rebels.

The CIA was already channelling money to the INA. And to show its long reach, the INA was exploding bombs in Baghdad and other cities in 1994-96. This was not difficult to do. "There are plenty of destitute Shia young men," says one Iraqi opposition leader. "They don't have a life and they don't have a future. It is easy to pay them to do something very dangerous like planting a bomb in Baghdad.

As many as 100 civilians may have been killed by the bombing campaign. At first, little was known about it. Iraq admitted that 10 bombs had exploded in Baghdad, but gave no casualty figures. But early in 1996, a strange video was smuggled to Europe, made by the INA's chief bombmaker. Abu Amneh al-Khadimi, in his or before Iraqi firing squads.

headquarters in the Kurdish city of Sulaymaniyah. He filmed himself because he wanted to charge his superior officer with underpaying

him and betraying him to Iraqi intelligence.

Abu Amneh, who comes across as a deeply unpleasant and dangerous man, recounts how he has been reduced to buying "clocks from the souk and turn[ing] them into timers". He complains that he was paid only \$300 for causing an explosion in Baghdad which had cost him \$600. He commends British-made time fuses. He appeals repeatedly over the head of his superior officer - this was a purpose of making the video to Dr Iyad Alawi, the head of the INA. He says: "For the bombs we detonated in Baghdad, Dr Iyad, all the operations we performed inside, we are now owed about \$5,000."

Such sums were about to become chicken-feed for the INA. As a result of the defection of Lt Gen Hussein Kamel, King Hussein of Jordan turned against his old friends in Baghdad. He made contact with the Iraqi opposition. The CIA persuaded the King to allow the INA to set up a well-funded headquarters in Amman. They bought a radio station for \$3m from Croatia, which they named al-Mustaqbal, or "the Future" In January 1996, President Clinton agreed to pay \$6m towards the INA's operations in Amman. Saudi Arabia and other Arab states paid a sim-

It all ended in disaster six months later. Dr Alawi talked happily in Amman about his plans for a coup. But, as so often in the past, Saddam struck first. There was a wave of arrests in Iraq as he purged the army. As many as 80 officers, alleged to be working with the INA, were executed or died under torture. On 31 August 1996, the Iraqi leader sent his tanks into Kurdistan to wrap up the CIA operation.

This was one of the great disasters in the 50year history of the agency. So far it has attracted little attention in the US, and the full extent of the débâcle has not emerged.

The CIA is also protected by the demonic reputation of its adversary. To many Americans, an attempt to overthrow Saddam, even if a humiliating flop, seems worthwhile. Some 300 Iraqis may have been killed because of the CIA's failed operation, but the dead do not vote, and most died obscurely in underground torture chambers



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# Election-day nerves dampen trading

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

New figures push shares to record high but pound falls against mark

As the nation went to the polls there was fresh evidence of the strength of the economy yesterday. The news helped shares close at a record high, although trading was quiet and nervous thanks to caution about the out-

come of the election. The monthly survey of purchasing managers in industry showed that fears of recovery being derailed by the strong pound are, so far, unfounded. The index of activity picked up in April. Output and home

orders increased sharply because of booming demand. Export orders continued to increase, although at a slower pace than the previous month. The FTSE 100 index ended

bout of election-day nerves hit currency traders, however.

The pound fell more than a plennig to just over DM2.79 as reaction. the markets were swept by an after-lunch rumour of exit polling showing the Conservatives ahead in marginal constituencies.

The resulting bout of jitters was explained as fear of a hung parliament and all the resulting uncertainties, A drop in the dollar also helped push the pound lower. But one analyst said, definitely off the record: "We are all such Tories here that we just want to believe the Government can snatch victory from the jaws of defeat."

But if the Tories are wiped out, markets are looking for an inthere will be a knee-jerk

Most of the big securities houses in the City were open throughout the night to deal with business from overseas investors as the result of the general election unfolded. Deals transacted in the small hours will be disclosed this

Yesterday's economic figures concentrated the minds of City economists on the possibility of a rise in interest rates shortly after the election. David Owen at Kleinwort Benson said: "In a Another said: "People keep perfect world we would have tax

crease in interest rates."

The next meeting between the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, and the incoming chancellor is scheduled for 7 May, but some analysts speculated it could be postponed after a Labour victory. But even if this did happen, and there was no indication that it would, the Bank of England's inflation report is due to be published on 13 May and is still expected to call for an increase

in the cost of borrowing. The purchasing managers survey showed that the pound's strength had not yet damaged

9 points higher at 4,445. A saying the market has dis-increases to hold back con- the recovery in industry, with well above the "break-even" counted a Labour government. sumer spending, but as it is, the weakness on the export front level of 50. offsetting overheating in the home market.

Peter Thomson, directorgeneral of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. said: "This appears to be an althe past few months. most perfect scenario for the At the same time, the prices

manufacturing economy. There was steady growth without inflationary pressure. "The strong pound has stilled demand just enough to keep a lid on things," he said.

The index of activity in man-ufacturing increased slightly to 53.1 in April, with an increase in output and orders behind the improvement. The output index was almost unchanged at 56.2,

Growth in export orders slowed while growth in home orders more than compensated for it. The index for total orders was 55.3, close to its average for

index was unchanged at 40.5. meaning that prices paid for materials have now been falling for 18 months. "There are no inflationary pressures or capacity constraints," Thomson said.

Other recent indicators have shown that the economy outside manufacturing is expanding at a far faster pace. In the first quarter of this year national in-

sure, grew by 1 per cent thanks mainly to booming service industries.

Yesterday Halifax reported that house prices rose 0.3 per cent last month, almost the same as the increase reported by Nationwide Building Society earlier in the week. It reported a decline in the annual rate of house price inflation to 6.6 per

cent from 7.2 per cent in March. Halifax said London was seeing the sharpest price rises. It described price increases elsewhere as "moderate".

The split in the economy between industry vulnerable to a downturn in exports due to the strong pound and a booming

consumer and service sector has divided City experts. Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe argued that an increase in base rates would hurt industry, and said the next chancellor should leave

them unchanged. "Labour has a marvellous opportunity. They have a following wind here in the City," he said. Jonathan Loynes at HSBC Markets said the economy needed a post-election rate rise like a hole in the head.

But David Bloom at James Capel said yesterday's survey showed that sterling was not about to drag the economy into

"Doing nothing would be a terrible. In the real world, they can't raise taxes for political reasons so they must at least put up interest rates," he said

### Killik joins queue to distance itself from Regan bid

Tom Stevenson and Nigel Cope

Killik & Co, the stockbroker, yesterday became the latest company embroiled in the Coop affair to distance itself from Andrew Regan, Lanica Trust and Galileo, the vehicle set up to launch his failed £1.2bn bid for the Co-operative Wholesale

In a statement, the firm said it condemned "the use of dishonest tactics" and sincerely regretted its name had been associated "with any improper behaviour". It had severed all

links with Mr Regan.

The attempt by Killik to distance itself from Mr Regan, following the collapse of his bid attempt and the launch of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry into dealings between the CWS and one of his former stock market vehicles, follows similar moves this week by Schroders, Hambros and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitors. HSBC James Capel also said it had resigned this week as stockbroker Killik concluded its statesigned this week as stockbroker to Lanica Trust.

The moves coincide with the launch of an Exchange inquiry into possible insider dealing in the shares of Lanica Trust. which soared from 580 last October to a peak of £20.50 in January before they were finally suspended at £19.50 in March.

The inquiry will focus on the extent to which investors were aware of Mr Regan's planned bid for the CWS at the time they bought into the company.

It is understood that when Galileo was set up with a share as Mr Regan had, was not capital of £9.6m. more than unusual, a spokesman said.

of its 90 per cent-owning parent Lanica, investors were invited to subscribe for shares without knowing for what they were putting up seed capital.

Admitting that it had bought shares on behalf of 200 investors in early December 1996 at around 200p a share, Killik said that at the time of the purchase nobody within the firm was aware that Lanica was planning a bid for the CWS. "The purchases made by the partners and staff fully complied with the SFA conduct of business rules," the statement said.

According to Killik, a further £2m was invested in Galileo, including £122,398 from partners and staff of the firm, although at the time of the investment no attempt was made to discover for what purpose Galileo had been set up. It was only some weeks later, in January 1997, that Killik asked and was told that Galileo had been set up for the purpose of

ment by saying that "no one within the firm has seen any CWS confidential documents, nor were they aware that such documents were in circulation until this issue became public".

Killik said it had been strongly influenced in its decision to recommend investment in Lanica Trust and Galileo by the pedigree of Lanica's advisers and other backers. This sort of "blind" investment, backing an money for investors in the past,

Separately, the Co-operative Wholesale Society announced that it had promoted Alan Prescott to the position of deputy chief executive. Mr Prescott played a key role in seeing off Mr Regan's £1.2bn bid. Graham Melmoth, chief exec-utive of the CWS, said: "I want to pay special tribute to Alan Prescott for his work in recent weeks in leading the manage-ment team and advisers which so emphatically defeated the attempted bid by Galileo."

His promotion came as details emerged of the Co-op movement's proposals for new legislation that would protect its traditions and stimulate its growth. The legislation has been proposed by the UK Cooperative Council and is supported by the Co-op's political wing.

The Co-operatives Act would propose the appointment of a co-operatives commissioner who would advise the government on co-op matters. The Act would make it easier for co-ops to raise capital and to use financial instruments available to quoted companies.

Other proposals include a clarification of the share ownership rules, which would state that co-op shares are always worth £1 and do not offer the prospect of capital growth. It would be an attempt not

just to protect the movement from predators but to encourage new co-ops to be formed, and to update the 1965 Indusentrepreneur who had made trial and Provident Society's Act which was based on 19th Century legislation.



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while BA will be revealing how

the new processor has helped it

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puters fitted with the new chip will sell for less than £2,000.

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AMD gains the bigger share it is seeking, there will be a boost

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### WH Smith aims for recovery with female director

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

WH Smith appointed its first female executive director yesterday when it named Beverley Hodson as managing director of the main WH Smith high street

Ms Hodson, 45, replaces Peter Bamford who left abruptly last month as part of the four-year plan by Bill Cock-burn. chief executive, to rejuvenate the struggling retailer's fortunes.

Ms Hodson becomes the second woman on the WH Smith board. Marjorie Scardino, the new chief executive of the Pearson media group, is a non-executive director.

Ms Hodson will join Smith's next month after 10 months at Sears where she was managing director of the Dolcis and Cable & Co footwear chains. Prior to that she spent 18 years at Boots, where she had been general manager of the Boots the Chemist leisure business and, more recently, head of the Children's World group which was sold to Storehouse last year.

commercial flair to develop our buying and merchandising and to drive our sales growth. Beverley has considerable strength in those areas." He described her as a "Duracell battery of energy".

However, the appointment failed to impress the City, where analysts described Ms Hodson as "a relatively unknown quantity". John Richards of NatWest Securities said: "This is not the high-powered appointment that we had been led to expect. She is taking on what it arguably one

Ireland lifts base rates

to defend shaky punt

of the most difficult jobs in

Other analysts said that, though Ms Hodson had enjoyed a successful career at Boots, she has never managed a chain the size of WH Smith.

Mr Cockburn will remain as chairman of the high street chain. This prompted some analysis to speculate that the position of managing director will be a lesser role as Mr. Cockburn continues to oversee the core chain.

The company was keen to emphasise Ms Hodson's career at Boots, which has managed to fight successfully against competition from the supermarkets while WH Smith

has struggled.

Robin Dickie, the operations director of WH Smith is also a former Boots executive. "We're trying to benchmark ourselves against excellence." Mr Cockburn said.

Ms Hodson will be chaired with trying to revitalise the Smith's format, driving the average customer purchase higher and improving the product range. The success of Mr Cockburn said: "What we the core chain is seen as vital need at WH Smith retail is to the revival of WH Smith's someone with very strong profits which have been hit by weak sales and intense competition.
Ms Hodson was educated at

Blackheath High School for girls and at Newnham College Cambridge. She is married with one child. Separately. Alan Giles is to

become the WH Smith representative director on the Virgin Our Price joint venture board. He will remain managing director of Waterstones. WH Smith shares closed 8.5p higher at 466.5p.

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### Intel's latest chip faces hot competition

#### Roger Trapp

A significant battle is set to break out in the computer industry next week when Intel, the world's largest chip-maker, launches its latest product.

The much-anticipated Pentium II processor, which comes out on Tuesday, enables information to be dealt with much faster than its predecessors. However, the rival manufacturer AMD has already slipped its K6 product, which is thought to be comparable with the Pentium II, on to the market and other products are expected shortly.

Richard Baker, UK marketing manager with AMD, said the company hoped that the encouraging reception given to its product so far would enable it

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observers to predict a challenge to Intel's bitherto dominant position, which currently amounts to about 80 per cent of the personal computer market. "For the first time, people have a choice," said one.

Others are not sure that Intel's position will be seriously threatened. Roy Howitt, sales and alliances manager with Business Systems Group, a systems integrator specialising in serving the City, said the various chip makers were always leapfrogging each other with faster products.

He pointed out that Intel's strength came from its close

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Source: FT Information

The arrival of this kind of competition is leading some industry nership. It's not just speed, it's part-would be incorporating its chips in its products, while it is of the processor with the oper-

ating system."
Moreover, Intel says that the Pentium II is the first business processor to apply the Multimedia Extension, or MMX, technology launched by the company earlier this year. So far, this has primarily been used to operate computer a fiercely competitive industry. games because it offers much better graphics.

However, the increasing popularity of such features as video-conferencing on office computers has created a huge demand for the product, said a

AMD, whose processor divi-

to strengthen its position in the melationships with Microsoft sion is based in Austin, Texas, and other software producers. recently announced that Digital understood that Hewlett-Packard is planning to fit both AMD and Intel processors to the equipment it offers.

Industry observers point out that others are continuing to stick with Intel, indicating that the California-based company is still felt to have the edge in A sign of the significance of

the latest development is the fact that Intel - which, according to the latest Fortune 500 rankings, saw revenues rise more than 28 per cent last year to \$20.8bn (£12.8bn) – is sending senior executives to the London launch.

for consumers who - unlike the corporates - are prepared to settle for second best. As always happens when a new product of this sort is launched, the immediately preceding technology becomes

cheaper.

### Alan Murdoch

Ireland's central bank yesterday reacted to two turbulent days for the punt on foreign exchange markets by lifting base rates by half of a percentage point.

Heavy speculation against the punt saw it plunge seven pfennigs against the German mark on Wednesday. A 2.5p fall took the Irish currency to its lowest value against sterling for five years, slumping at one stage to 91.5p.

Parallel pressure on domesthe bank to increase its base rate a lower value against conti-

cent with effect from this morning. The move was expected after the bank on Wednesday stopped buying punts to shore up the currency's value.

The punt has been targeted by speculators in recent weeks because Ireland is among Europe's strongest economic performers in qualifying for the start of the European single currency in 1999.

Ireland's "Celtic Tiger" revival has seen the currency strengthen in recent years. But many dealers believe the punt

or short-term facility to 6.75 per nental currencies than its recent ERM level.

Buoyed by a bullish mediumterm economic forecast this week by Ireland's Economic and Social research Institute, Ruairi Quinn, Finance Minister, emphasised that the country was no longer tied to sterling.

The institute's forecast, the most hopeful in decades, con-cluded that if current policies and voluntary pay restraint con-tinue. Ireland should maintain GNP growth of 5.5 per cent until 2000, slowing to 5 per cent between 2000 and 2005. This tic money markets prompted will join the single currency at will see Ireland pass the UK standard of living before 2005.

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#### Shell cautious on oil prices after flat Q1

The Anglo-Dutch oil giant Royal Dutch Shell yesterday painted a cautious picture on oil prices and refining margins as it reported a flat set of first-quarter profit figures, writes Michael Harrison.

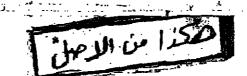
the period was £1.54bn against £1.53bn last year while net income showed a 19 per cent drop from £1.7bn in the first shares fell 8p to 1072p. Shell warned that the steady fall in oil prices since the start of the vear was set to continue, exacerbated by an excess of production over demand. "Crude

prices may show further weakness. Refining margins are also expected to remain under pres-

sure," the company said. The group also pointed to the strength of sterling, which had Current cost net income for the effect of masking an underlying 7 per cent increase in earnings in dollar terms. The average oil price in the first quar-ter was \$21.2 a barrel - \$2.60 a quarter of 1996 to £1.4bn. The sparrel higher than a year ago. Shell's exploration and production earnings for the quarter were the second highest on

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### Don't expect the oil giants to opt for demerger

petrol retailing and refining - or would consumers and shareholders alike be better served by splitting them into their constituent parts? There is nothing particularly novel about this suggestion which, a bit like a passing comet, tends to turn up unannounced from time to time before disappearing again into the cosmos. Right now it is once more in full view, thanks largely to Pierre Jungels, the new chief executive at Emterprise Oil Enterprise is a pure E&P company, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that Mr Jungels believes the integrated structure has had its day, that they are going to be outperformed by more focused pure re-

tailing, refining and E&P companies. Mr Jungels believes not only that there is no particular purpose to the integrated structure, but that it can be positively harmful to the businesses that make it up. Just ask Shell, which at its annual general meeting on 14 May faces a special resolution calling on the board to clean up its act on human rights and the environment. Single issue campaigning of this sort, whether justified or not, easily spills over from the business it is aimed at - in this case Shell's E&P activities in Nigeria - into the company's consumer-facing interests elsewhere. Before Nigeria there was the Brent Spar fiasco, prompting a consumer boycott of Shell's petrol retailing business in Germany.

Likewise, BP has had to work hard at pre-

Is there any purpose to, or justification for, integrated oil companies—the industry giants that combine exploration and production with to do to get the stuff out of the ground may be unacceptable to those who happily buy it.

Even the term "integrated oil company" has become a bit of a misnomer, for these companies have not been "integrated" in the accepted sense of the word for many years now. The petrol being sold by Shell or BP is as likely to be derived from Esso or Mobil as their own oil fields, and it might as easily have been refined by someone else again. Each business operates within its own market place, largely regardless of the company's other interests up or downstream of it. The senior executive who has to deal with the problems of his retail company is highly likely to find it a distraction from the possibly more important challenges facing his E&P or refining interests. Moreover, the traditional defence of the

integrated structure - that the up- and downstream interests are largely counter-cyclical – was rather exploded during the last recession when all three activities, production, refining and retailing, got clobbered at the same time. The low oil price failed to drive up consumer demand, as it had tended to in previous cycles.

Most of the majors have made progress in differentiating the cost structures of their var-ious businesses in an appropriate manner, but the problem is still there. The highly paid E&P executive drags up the pay structure throughventing politically inspired complaints about | out the organisation, even in unskilled areas

of the company where the market dictates poorer rates of remuneration. Even the cost conjures up images of crusty paternalism and of capital is often no better for a major than a smaller, more focused E&P company, since investors are prepared to pay a premium for the pure exploration play.

So much for the downside. There is, however, one very significant advantage the big boys have. Their very size makes it much easier for them to take hig commercial risks. If the project goes wrong, investors will certainly suffer, but provided the company is efficiently run and managed, it can be absorbed. The smaller player, with the risk of wipe-out to consider, is much more constrained and his opportunity is correspondingly limited. This is the case in most businesses but it is particularly pronounced in oil and gas. So although logic must be on Mr Jungels' side, we are unlikely to see BP and Shell hurtling down the demerger route, much as fee-hungry investment bankers would like them to.

#### An unknown quantity at WH Smith

t first glance a refugee from the troubled At first glance a refugee from the troubled Scars shoe retailing empire does not look like the most obvious candidate to revitalise the almost equally troubled retail arm of WH Smith. That, however, is the task Beverley Hodson has been chosen to perform.

She may have a great future ahead of her. She may be just the breath of fresh air

conjures up images of crusty paternalism and male-domination. Looked at one way, anything she does has got to be an improvement on Project Enliven, the ridiculous wheeze the last but one management dreamt up to restore the brand's fortunes.

But for now she is largely an unknown quantity and certainly not the big hinter the City had been expecting Bill Cockburn to bring in to head up the group's biggest and most important division. Until yesterday Ms Hodson was managing director of Scars' Dolcis and Cable & Co shee chains, a post she had held for less than a year. That may not have been long enough to be tainted with the failure of the Liam Strong years. But it does suggest that Ms Hodson's credentials are

Before Sears she spent 18 years with Boots the Chemist, where she relaunched its line in suntan creams until being picked to run its chain of Children's World shops. That may prove to have been, well, child's play compared with running WH Smith's sprawling chain of 400 high street outlets. Despite all Mr Cockburn's best efforts Smith still suffers from the twin handicap of selling a thousand dif-ferent lines and yet finding it difficult to get customers to part with much money once inside its shops.

Jeremy Hardie, the chairman of WH Smith, says Ms Hodson has just the right blend of experience, skills and determination needed to succeed. Before she gets into harness in the chairman said about her predecessor, Peter Bamford, before he was unceremoniously dumped last month. It might sound

#### ignorance was bliss at Killik

The investment proposition outlined by 1 Killik & Co yesterday as it joined the stampede to distance itself from Andrew Regan and his ill-fated bid to storm the Co-op would not have been out of place in the heady days of the South Sea Bubble.

Way back in the joint stock company's infancy, it was standard practice to ask investors to put up cash for as yet unplanned enterprises. Killik showed yesterday that little has changed at the more, shall we say, adventurous end of the investment spectrum. By the firm's own admission, Killik stumped up £2m, including more than £120,000 of personal account money from its partners and staff, to back Galileo, happily unaware that it was to be the takeover vehicle for one of the most audacious bid attempts in recent times. It saw no reason to ask anything so mundane as just what Galileo was for.

Mr Regan must be touched by the faith so many "blind" investors placed in his entrepreneurial skills. Whether the Stock Exchange agrees that ignorance was bliss is

### ING Barings acts to retain stake in **Dillon Read**

**David Usborne** New York

In a bid to retain a valuable window on to Wall Street, ING Bar-C. Strate Value of ings is scrambling to hold on to a 25 per cent stake that it holds in the investment bank Dillon Read and, if possible, to pur-

chase the other 75 per cent. ING's foothold in Dillon Read, which has performed strongly recently as a mergers and acquisition boutique, dates back to ING's rescue of Barings two years ago. Barings Holding Company, as it was before its collapse, had bought 40 per cent of Dillon Read in 1991.

A struggle is now raging between ING and Dillon Read over the 25 per cent still in ING's hands. Dillon Read has the option to re-acquire that stake by the end of June and until recently appeared set on doing so. Dillon Read's execu-

tives hold the other 75 per cent. sterdam headquarters yesterday that it would prefer not to lose New York point to some friction its interest and proceed instead in the negotiations. to buying all of the bank. "If the conditions are right for both par- has been in discussion with

He indicated that talks were under way and should be completed within the next fortnight, with the issue of price the biggest sticking point. Unconfirmed reports have suggested that to buy the balance of the privately held bank's stock, ING would have to find be-tween \$425m and \$450m

(£262m-£277m). That Dilion Read would be an attractive catch for ING is cvident. Like other merger and acquisition specialists on Wall Street, the hank has benefited handsomely from the recent rush of corporate combinations. After being briefly bruised in March, optimism that the mergers surge will continue has returned with the new upwards momentum of the New York stock markets.

enthusiasm on the part of Dil-ING confirmed from its Am- lon Read for a full ING takeover. Rather, indications in

"As you know, Dillon Read

ties, it would be nice to have it all," said a company spokesman. ING regarding the exercise of Dillon Read's option to acquire the 25 per cent that ING holds," Peter Rosenthal, a spokesman for the bank said yesterday. "In the course of those discussions, Dillon Read has been receiving constant proposals from ING in which ING appeals directly to Dillon Read not to exercise its option".

Only in February, the bank's management circulated a memo to staff indicating its intention to buy back the 25 per cent held by ING and to break links with the Dutch group.

Among recent high-profile mergers in which Dillon Read acted as principal advisers was the \$3bn stock-swap deal last December between the Long Island Lighting Company of New York and another utility, the Brooklyn Union Gas Company.

Dillon Read's success has There is still little evidence of reflected well on ING Baring corporate finance operation in London. ING Barings also has a securities business in New York, employing 1,200 and specialising in global high-yield businesses, emerging markets and banking.



Lady Grantchester: Appointed to the board in 1977

### Moores matriarch quits Littlewoods board

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

The most senior member of the Moores family, which controls the Littlewoods retail and football pools empire, has resigned as a director, leaving just one

family member on the board. Lady Grantchester, the 72year-old daughter of the company's founder, Sir John Moores, is to retire as a nonexecutive. The matriarch of the Moores clan, Lady Grantchester was a key figure in the family's decision to reject a £1bn takeover offer by former chief executive Barry Dale in late 1995.

A strong-willed woman, with a distinctive, Margaret Thatcher hairstyle, she has long been the

served on the Littlewoods board for 20 years.

Her departure leaves James Suenson-Taylor as the only member of the Moores family on the board. He is one of Lady Grantchester's sons and acts as a non-executive director with special responsibility for linking between the board and the

family shareholders. Commenting on her decision she said: "Although I have decided to retire from the board of the Littlewoods Organisation, I will obviously retain a strong interest in the company as a shareholder and be available for consultation."

Betty Grantchester was educated at Cheltenham Ladies

family figurehead and has College and her father was reportedly delighted when she married Kenneth Suenson-Taylor, the second Baron Grantchester. She was appointed to the board in 1977 following the death of Nigel Moores in a car crash. Nigel, the nephew of Sir John, had been earmarked as a potential future chairman. Lady Grantchester's husband died last year.

A company spokeswoman said Lady Grantchester had been pleased with the progress of Littlewoods under chief executive James Ross. He has this week agreed to acquire the Freemans mail order business from Sears for £367.5m. The company is also seeking buyers for its high street stores.

#### IN BRIEF

#### US data paints 'picture of strength'

The National Association of Purchasing Management in the US said its lead index last month fell from 55 to 54.2. The number was above forecasts of 53.6, but economists said the prices index, which fell to 49.6 from 50.9 in March, should put US credit markets in a buoyant mood before today's all-important April jobs data. Economists said the NAPM and prices data painted a picture of continued US economic strength devoid of any concrete evidence of inflation. "It's kind of a microcosm of all the other data we got on the economy, strong real economic activity but still great price performance," said John Williams, chief economist at Bankers Trust.

#### Fisher Price toy factory to close

A toy factory is to close with the loss of 250 jobs, the victim of a decision by the US owner to cut one-tenth of its global workforce of 26,000. The closure of the Fisher Price and Spears Games plant at Peterlee, County Durham, would result in production being switched to Italy where toy output was more in line with modern youngsters' demands and more cost-competitive, said a spokesman for the parent company, Mattel. The Peterlee factory specialised in making bigger toys which were considered less fashionable with children. A Mattel spokesman said: "The way the market is going, retailers are looking for smaller, more compact toys, such as electronic games, which is the sort of operation Mattel has in Italy."

#### Nomura can beat scandal, says president

Junichi Ujiic, new president of Nomura Securities, claimed the scandal-tainted brokerage would be able to catch up with its foreign rivals in one to two years and might even overtake them in some fields. In a speech to employees, he said he would change Nomura into a company which always obeyed the law and acted with confidence and pride: "We need to do it now. This is our last chance. I will change Nomura with courage and conviction." Mr Ujiie took control of Nomura following a sweeping management shake-up, after prosecutors and Japan's securities watchdog launched an investigation of the brokerage for suspected illegal deals linked to corporate racketeers.

#### Currency movements hold back T&N

T&N warned that it expected its rate of progress in the current year to be held back by currency movements. Sir Colin Hope, chairman, told the annual meeting: "The year has started on an encouraging note with our operating performance edging ahead of last year and margins on an improving trend. Nevertheless, the rate of progress in the current year is still likely to be constrained by currency movements and the high level of restructuring charges lowing from essential cost reduction and efficiency programmes."

#### Birmingham Midshires locks in investors

Birmingham Midshires Building Society will automatically close all new accounts opened from 1 May once any money is withdrawn. The move to lock in all new investors was taken to discourage speculators hoping to cash in if the society decides to convert to being a bank or is taken over. The minimum to open a membership account is £1,000 but more than 3,000 of the 100,000 new accounts this year have quickly been reduced to £100, the minimum for retaining membership.

### Barr to auction coach

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust said yesterday it was inviting offers for its coach holidays division, opening the door for the ss's management to table a rival bid to a controversial offer from Leisurephis, owner of rival Shearings holiday group. Hambros, the merchant bank, is conducting an auction for the division among interested parties, of whom there are thought to be at least 10.

The proposed sale of the coach operation, which would leave Barr as a pure motor dealer, has caused bitter acrimony in the company's northern heartland, where the Wallace Arnold name is seen as being as Yorkshire as its pudding. Angry employees have taken out full-page advertise-ments in local papers opposing the disposal and picketed board meetings in a campaign as bruising for the company as a bitter boardroom row two years ago between rival factions of the ruling Barr family.

At the heart of the row is the belief that if Shearings, a former division of Rank, acquires the operation, up to 1,000 jobs could be at risk. The mood of the workforce is markedly different from the atmosphere. late last year when it looked likely that Barr would be buying Shearings from Rank and the obs at risk were those of the Lancashire company.

Richard Beil, a company spokesman, refused to comment yesterday on the value of the coach business but analysts believed it could be worth around £35m.

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### New Savings Rates from the Bristol & West.

Reflecting changes only to the accounts shown below. EFFECTIVE 2ND MAY 1997 (unless otherwise stated).

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|  | £25,000+           | 2.95%  | 2.36%          | Three months notice required for   | £25,000+           | 4.31%  | 3.45%                   |
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| p limit their access over a 12 month   | £25,000+           | 3.95%  | 3.16%          |  | £500+              | 0.60%  | 0.48%                   |
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### Shell high-octane rating overdone

exceptional performance in the first quarter of 1996, its results for the first three months of this year were respectable enough. Current cost net income came in flat at £1.54bn - bang as 25 per cent, making BP a better bet stood by the City because of its two diin the middle of analysts' forecasts. What spooked the market, however, was Shell's downbeat assessment of prospects for the rest of the year.

Bearish commentators have been warning for some time that we should expect a substantial weakening in crude prices and Shell has said nothing to contradict that impression. Prices have been falling steadily since the start of the year, registering an average of \$21,60 for the quarter.

The picture is one of a continuing decline in prices and pressure on refining margins against a background of rising output in Opec and non-Opec areas. This is likely to result in pro-duction outstripping demand, leading to rising inventories.

Add in a strong pound, which held back current cost earnings in the first quarter by 7 per cent, and the outlook is not all that rosy for any of the big oil companies.

Higher exploration and production earnings helped offset increased corporate charges and a fall in earnings from refining and marketing operations in the first quarter.

Shell also managed a modest improvement in chemicals in the first three months but this was only achieved through on-going cost reductions whereas margins weakened. The improvement may stretch into the second quarter but thereafter much depends on Shell's ability to recover the increase in cracker prices by raising the price of derivative products.

With oil and gas production likely to keep growing at around 7 per cent a year. Shell has the scope to complement this strong upstream growth with ratio-nalisation benefits elsewhere, notably chemicals.

However, falling crude prices this year could hold back dollar income. Taken together with the strength of ster-ling and guilder weakness this could translate into a decline in earnings for the year in domestic currency terms.

Shell's growth prospects are no more than average for the sector - reflected in the decline in first-quarter capital expenditure and exploration

Meanwhile Shell's return on capital employed, at 11.8 per cent for the year to the end of March, continues to lag behind its peers. Taken as a whole. Shell remains on

a high-octane rating. The boost to the share price that came with the news earlier this year of a stock split and capitalisation issue has merely left it even more vulnerable to a rerating. Shell is overvalued relative to BP by as much

### Tudged against Royal Dutch Shell's exceptional performance in the exceptional performance in the first control of 1006 its results for the exceptional performance in the its dealerships. analysis believe it will

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given its growth prospects and higher returns on capital.

Assuming Shell group profits of £3.1bn this year rising to £5.6bn in 1998. the shares, down 9p at 1,081p, are on a forward multiple of 19 times falling to 17.7. High enough.

#### Barr's cash pile could reach £35m

агт & Wallace Arnold Trust's de-Cision to placate its workforce by inviting offers for its coach holidays division rather than simply selling it to rival Shearings really makes little difference as far as the remaining operations are concerned. Whether the business is sold to Shearings, its management or a third party, the company becomes a pure motor distributor with a cash pile of maybe £35m to hand back to shareholders or invest in the rump car activities.

Whether Barr is right to dispose of

verse activities, which has a grain of with in it, but there are plenty of motor businesses with other interests -Cowie's buses and Henlys' coach manufacture, for example - to suggest that the problem is not insuperable.

But the decision has been made, and the Office of Fair Trading seems happy to countenance the concentration of power represented by a merger of former Rank division Shearings and the "Wally Buses", so all shareholders can hope for is a sensible price.

Their attention will now turn to how Barr's motor dealing operations will fare in a fast changing and account

fare in a fast-changing and consoli-

dating business.

Arguably the current trend towards big multiple-franchise dealerships acts in favour of the larger players such as Pendragon and Reg Vardy at the ex-pense of smaller operators such as Barr. But there is a plausible counter-argument that the large manufacturers are unwilling to hand over too much power to dealers with clout, leaving a useful niche for regional players.

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| Trading record  | 1994                                      | 1995<br>Full year                     | 1996  | 1996 199<br>Flust quarter   |  |  |
| Turnover (Clin)   | A.  |                                       |   | <b>Manag</b>  |  |  |
| Current cost net earnings (Ebn)   | 3.99                                      | 4.3                                   | 5.3   | £53 1,54  |  |  |
| Earnings per stare (peace)  | 250                                       |                                       |   | <b>Service</b>  |  |  |
| Dividends per share (peace)   | 25  | 28.8                                  | 34.8  |   |  |  |
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make a decent fist of it.

Despite that, Barr's shares, up 8.5p to 258.5p yesterday, trade on only about 10 times expected earnings for this year, a significant discount to the rest of the market.

A dividend this year of 12.5p a share, implying a gross yield of 6 per cent, provides some degree of comfort. Good

#### Etam dives deeper into the red

tam, the womenswear chain. plunged deeper into the red in the year to 25 January, as price discounting took its toll of static volumes. Turnover fell by 7 per cent to £187m while losses mushroomed to £5.37m, compared with a modest profit

of £150,000 the year before. Etam's chairman, Stanley Lewis. claims the sales decline was concentrated in the first half-year and steadied in the second half, while the proportion of sales at full prices has rebounded to over 80 per cent and justifies the merchandise and trading strategies of the group.

Up to a point. Turnover in the first

half was down 11 per cent on the previous first half. In the second half it was down only 2 per cent on the first half and 2.5 per cent down on the second half of the previous year.

But the seasonal upturn in profits in the second half was much more muted this year, and at £390,000 was well down on the £4m in the previous

Even after allowing for the £25m of strategic expenditure on the first phase of a brand relaunch and for spending on information technology in the latest second half, there is no evidence of a real recovery in Etam's

In the first 13 weeks of the current trading year, full-price sales were up 6 per cent and like-for-like sales rose 2 per cent, but the City is not

Etam's sales should be improving faster given the recent kind weather, more costs are in the pipeline and analysts who felt the group could break even by the end of the current year are now forecasting losses of around £2.5m.

The shares fell 8.5p to 125p, their lowest level since the recession of 1990, and the controlling shareholders. based in South Africa, show no obvious signs of impatience. There is no obvious case to hold the shares, still less

# Wickes plans new stores for 1998

Nigei Cope City Correspondent

Wickes, the troubled Do-It-Yourself retailer which is attempting to put last year's £50m accounting scandal behind it. is to start a store-opening programme next vear.

They will be the first new Wickes stores to open since the company unearthed the accounting irregularities which forced a rescue rights issue, a boardroom clear-out and the sale of entire overseas oper-Starting in 1998, Wickes will

open between five and 10 new stores a year for the next five years. This will take the total portfolio from the current 123 to a possible 173. No new branches are planned for the current year.

Bill Grimsey, chief executive. said the sale of the continental

European operations, announced on Wednesday, "completed the final piece in the jigsaw", enabling the company to start looking at extending its UK stores chain.

Mr Grimsey was speaking at the Wickes annual meeting where he delivered an upbeat trading statement. He said that in the 17 weeks to 26 April same store sales were 14 per cent of the same period last year. Total sales were 20 per cent ahead, in-cluding the 13 new stores which opened in the first half.

Mr Grimsey said Wickes had been helped by the firm housing market and the good recent spell of weather. He would not comment on the group's margins, though it is thought that these have been affected by the renegotiation of supplier con-tracts following the uncovering

of the accounting scandal.

Mr Grimsey said he had re-

ceived no contact from any parties regarding a possible takeover. We are not even thinking about that. We are concentrating on setting on with the job of being good

retailers. The upbeat trading statement pushed Wickes shares 12.5p higher to 178.5p. The huoyant mood also boosted other DIY-related stocks. Shares in Kingfisher, which owns the B&O chain, and Boots, owner of Do It All, were both sharply higher. Samsbury. which controls the Homebase

chain, also saw its shares rise. On Wednesday Wickes sold its European operation in Holland, Beigium and France to the French DIY operator. Bricorama.

With the South African business already sold, the deal leaves Wickes as a UK-only DIY operator.

#### Warning hammers Bernard Matthews

Clifford German

Investors in Bernard Matthews. the food company best known for its turkey products, were dealt a blow yesterday when Bernard Matthews, founder and chairman of the Norfolkbased group, issued a profits warning to shareholders at the annual meeting.

Shares in the company swiftly numbled by 12.5p to 127p, wip-ing £15m off its stock market

The share price performance has been steady over the past year, rising from a low of 95p to a peak of 142p.

Mr Matthews said that profits in the second quarter of the year would not compare favourably with the excellent figures

a year ago. This time last year, the company benefited from the BSE scare which caused a flight of beef consumers to other meat products. The company was



Leaner times: Bernard Matthews is cautiously optimistic

increases with little adverse impact on sales.

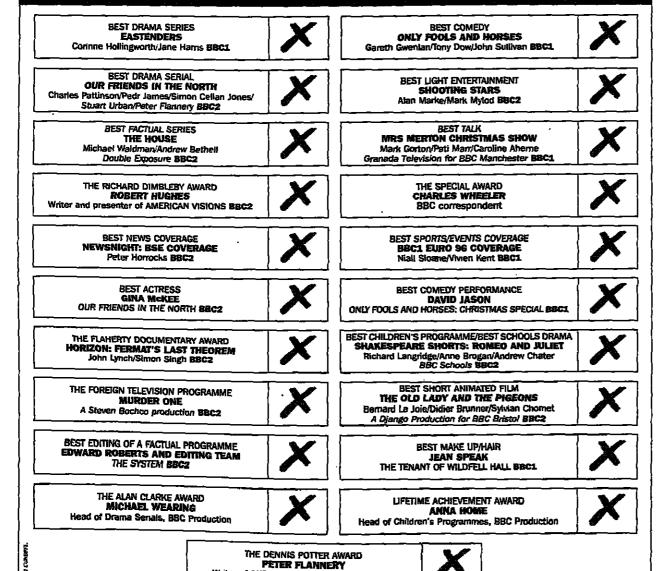
However, the chairman attempted to temper vesterday's warning with a hint of optimism on prospects. He said: "We believe this to be a short-term situation and remain cautiously was actively buying more a optimistic for the year as a month ago.

also able to push through price whole, as we continue the expansion of our branded added-

value business. Hardest hit by the share rice fall yesterday was Mr Matthews himself and his family which still owns almost 40 per cent of the company and

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Public appreciation of the BBC's unique range of television programmes was echoed by the professional votes of this year's BAFTA juries - in the British equivalent of the Oscars. BBC programme makers, performers and contributors won an unrivalled array of 22 awards. Congratulations to them all.

#### In Brief

#### Hickson sells PharmaChem for £28.5m

Hickson International is selling Hickson PharmaChem to Warner-Lambert for £28.5m in cash, which will be used to reduce borrowings. David Wilbraham, chief executive, said: "The sale of PharmaChem represents another significant element of our asset disposal programme aimed at restructuring the group's port-folio of businesses and strengthening our balance sheet." PharmaChem, which contract manufactures fine chemicals for the pharmaceutical and healthcare markets, incurred operating losses before exceptionals of £4.8m on turnover of £16.1m in 1996.

#### Utility Cable shares at all-time low

Shares in Utility Cable fell 5.25p to an all-time low of 12.5p after the specialist cable layer reported an 18 per cent drop in pre-tax profits from £2.2m to £1.8m for the six months to February. The setback was attributed to "operational difficulties and exceptional losses in some completed contracts". It lost more than £1m on three contracts in Luton, Belfast and Birmingham, which it blamed on difficulties in getting labour. The Belfast contract was signed a week after the IRA ceasefire ended. The company warned that full-year profits would be lower than expected and the dividend was at risk.

#### Crest Packaging buys Rexam units

Crest Packaging has acquired Rexam Cartons and Print South from Rexam for £3.8m, subject to adjustment for the value of net assets. Rexam Cartons makes folding cartons for consumer goods markets. In 1996 it made a loss before interest of £900,000 on sales of £12.7m. Crest said that despite the loss, "there has been a significant improvement in the trading results of Rexam Cartons in the first quarter of 1997. This will now be underpinned by savings in the purchase of raw materials, by the ability of management to switch production to another site as required and a reduced depreciation charge." Crest is providing £350,000 for integration costs.

#### **Gartland Whalley to float niche groupings**

Gartland Whalley and Barker is to set up a new division, Crossley House Ventures, which is to create niche groupings of companies through acquisitions. Once groupings of companies have been formed they will be floated on the Alternative Investment Market. Once the companies have been floated, Crossley House Ventures will continue to seek acquisitions to accelerate the growth of the grouping until it is of sufficient size to move to a full listing.

#### Allied Colloids picks up chemical division

Allied Colloids has conditionally agreed to buy Imdex Chemicals, a division of Australian-listed Imdex, for around £6.7m. Imdex Chemicals, which has sales of approximately A\$9m (£4.4m), makes anionic, nonionic and cationic polymers used primarily in mining and industrial processing including water treatment, waste treatment and paper manufacturing.

#### Blagden to expand with Komet cash

Blagden Industries has sold Komet to Christian Dalloz of France for £2.4m plus settlement of inter-group and third party debt of £700,000. Proceeds will be used to expand Blagden's core businesses. It said the value of Komet's net assets was £600,000 at the end of 1996, and Komet achieved pre-tax profits £600,000 last year. The disposal of Komet is in line with Blagden's stated strategy for the protective equipment division and will make it possible for Blagden to concentrate on the core manufactured chemicals, chemical trading and packaging divisions," a spokesman said.

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### Andersen may struggle to keep its act together o

A consultancy spin-off has been rejected but the issue is unlikely to go away, writes Roger Trapp

The overwhelming decision by the first rethermore than 2.700 partners in the first returning at the firm since the the Andersen Worldwide Organisation to keep the professional services firm together brings to an end well over a year of management-distracting discussions. But it is unlikely that this week's rejection - by a 93 per cent vote - of a spinning-off of the highly successful consultancy practice will bury the issue entirely,

In recent days, the Chicago-based firm has been at pains to point out that the time-consuming meetings had enabled senior people, in the words of one insider, to "become much more knowledgeable about the business and much more understanding about how they work". Entrenched positions along the lines of "bean-counters" lacking creativity while management consultants "just plough in" had been replaced by more measured

And although it has been sugested that any rows had been "along the boundaries and the margins", there have been widely expressed tensions over matters like the level of subsidy paid by Andersen Consulting to the main accounting and business Co or Bain. services operation known as Arthur Andersen, and encroachments on Andersen Consulting's perceived territory by its sister division's developing consultancy operation.

As the statement issued vesterday indicated, such issues will occupy the management team that will take over in August, following the retirement of Larry Weinbach as chief executive.

Much has been made as the negotiating process has continued of the irony of a firm of business advisers seemingly unable to make up its mind over its future direction. The Andersen 21 group of senior partners charged with considering the matter even missed their original target date for drawing up a plan. with Jim tributing the slip to the com- professional staff.

split into two business units in

But at least Andersen has followed the traditional management consultant's dictum that it is better to plan for the future when you are doing well rather than wait until a crisis. Both sides of the business have seen strong growth in recent years - even when rivals were struggling during the recession of the early 1990s.

wide - employs more than 100,000 and is expected to net revenues of more than \$11bn (£6.8bn) in the current year.

The accountancy firm has grown faster than its Big Six rivals. moving up to second position in

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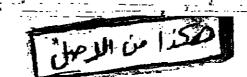
which includes law firms world-

the UK rankings, partly due to the acquisition of the second-tier firm Binder Hamlyn: But the spectacular growth has been in the consulting arm. which - unlike most big six man-agement consulting firms - is more of an information technology systems provider than a general business adviser or even

strategy house like McKinsey & As a partnership, it is not required to publish detailed financial information, but in March, the consulting practice, which claims that more than half of the Fortune Global 500 companies are clients, reported a 26 per cent rise in nel revenues. to \$5.3bn. The growing trend for outsourcing of IT operations has been an especially important

driver of this rise in fees. The increasing popularity of outsourcing is also boosting the accounting business, though. Yesterday, the UK firm announced that the supermarket group Asda had awarded it one of the largest internal audit contracts in the UK.

World-wide, this sort of business is worth about \$200m. Wadia, UK managing partner, at- to the firm and employs 1,000



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### Blue chips edge ahead in a wait-and-see session

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see session. And although the to its already considerable fi-stock market will obviously nancial muscle. react to the election results today it is felt the real action may not occur for some weeks. Share spotlight

A unlity selling its stake in another utility attracted at- rival of Halifax they have to tention. PowerGen, through UBS, offloaded nearly 16.5 million shares in National Grid at 220p, raising £36m. Grid shares firmed to 224.5p

with PG up 6.5p to 653.5p. Most other utilities were firm, ignoring the expected change in the regulatory climate and the signalled wind-

Financials were back in demand with the Legal & General insurance group leading

theory that Halifax will hunt for a quarry when it comes to market next month. An insurance high achieved a few days before add-on would make sense for John Major's call to the polls.

It was, however, a wait-andwhich no doubt wants to add

There was also evidence the institutional weighting problem was still occupying fund man-agers' minds. Besides the arcontend with other building society conversions as well as the demutualisation of Norwich Union.

Renters, down from 806p in the autumn to 576.5p last month, enjoyed a 25p gain to 659.5p. The price has risen 54.5p in two days; the market is impressed by a New York presentation for the information group's 3,000 share trading system, A number of analysts, hitherto negative on

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the shares, believe they are The prospect of a bid battle for APV, the engineer which now a buy. Cookson, the industrial fell on hard times, lifted the group, fell 5p to 211.5p, just above its year's low. Shareshares 5p to 92p. On Tuesday it said it had received an apholders meet today and there proach; yesterday came an anare fears they will be presented nouncement that another with a gloomy trading state-ment, Glynwed International, Disappointing first-quarter Disappointing first-quarter figures lowered Shell 8p to 1,082p and Cairn Energy's the engineer, was another off colour, down 7p to 254p, al-though its shareholders' gathering next week is expected to

be a bullish affair. An upbeat trading state-ment lifted Wickes 12.5p to 178.5p but Bernard Matthews fell 12.5p to 127p after warning that last year's BSE-inspired turkey sales would not be

profit taking and Alliance Resources, the once-troubled group, returned to market at 60p, down from the equivalent of 80p. Now run by US oilman Jak Keenan Alliance, with Arab cash behind it, is thought to have some intriguing deals

in the pipeline. Tadpole Technology, the hard-pressed computer group, also staged a market comeback following a rescue package. The shares ended at 15p, down from 23.5p.

Stentor, the Irish telephone link with Shell continued to company, gained a further 10p to 167.5p after a deal weaken enthusiasm with the shares falling a further 8p to with a US group to provide a 548.5p. The interim profits setback hit Utility Cable 5.5p US/UK service.

Arion, the property com-pany run by Jim Slater's son Christopher, jumped 12.5p to 25.5p. It has surged 17.5p since disclosing it was in re-Spirit shares were sobered by weaker drink profits from Seagram, the Canadian giant. Allied Domecq, Grand Metverse takeover talks. Ex-

ropolitan and Guinness gave ground.

Lands, also in acquisition discussions, firmed to 21p.

Petra Diamonds had another sparkling session. Floated at the equivalent of 30p the shares hit 53.5p with an 11p gain. The warrants performed even more dazzlingly. Handed out as a bonus, on a ration of one warrant for every five shares, they

gained 10p to 27.5p. Celltech, the drugs group, climbed 25p to 590p as German giant Bayer said it planned to market a Celltech treatment for septic shock. Favourable circulars are also drifting around. Henry Cooke Lamsden said the shares could hit 1,000 by the year end.

Burndene, the caravans to tights group, held at 36p. With some of the conversion windfalls likely to be spent on caravans there is a view the shares could be oversold. One stockbroker is looking for profits of £7.5m this year, up from just over £6m.

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The signs are that the longrumoured deal being lined up by printer Thomas Potts will involve Anglo United, the distressed group with extensive interests in the Falkland Islands. One suggestion is Potts is hoping to buy Coalite, the smokeless fuel business which Anglo wants to sell. Any deal is likely to involve a share placing. Anglo held at 2.25p with Potts, where entrepreneur Nigel Wray has a 22 per cent stake,

Taking Stock

Dealings start today in ITG, an Irish communications services provider. It will be the first company to have a joint presence on AIM and its new Irish counterpart, the Developing Companies Market. The flotation, oversubscribed at 156p, was handled by stockbrokers Goodbody in Dublin and Townsley in London.

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Pirc's attack on Shell is raising hackles in the City. Terry Macalister reports

### Boardroom policeman treads on toes

against Pirc, the self-proclaimed policeman of corporate governance, at Shell's annual general meeting on 14 May. The Association of British Insurers and its members have decided to come out in support of Royal Dutch/Shell in its fight against shareholders protesting about the company's human rights record and

environmental practices. Pire has backed a special resolution calling on the board to clean up their act. But after listening to the arguments, the AIB has decided to give public backing to the board. Many in the boardroom and in the City will be privately hoping that the AIB's stance marks a turning of the tide against politically correct shareholder activism.

Some of what Pire does is perfectly reasonable," said one pension fund manager. "But here they are turning from corporate governance to environmental issues and we

can't go along with that," Undaunted. Pension Investment Research Consultants (Pirc), is planning to step up its activities in a move which will create a ripple of concern in boardrooms around the country. At present it restricts itself to the country's top 350 companies but Alan MacDougall, founder and joint managing director, says he aims eventually to cover the entire stock

market for its list of 53 clients. The organisation, which has widened its attacks from executive pay to take on Shell's human rights record in Nigeria, has grown enor-mously since it was established by Mr MacDougall and Anne Simpson just over 10 years ago. From a desk and a telephone in Brixton, it has be-come a private business with offices on the fringes of the City, a staff of 22, and a turnover close to £1m.

It is accused by critics of being an unrepresentative and secretive body, but Mr MacDougall insists Pire is

For a change, it won't be just directors who find themselves pitched completely above board and transparent. He points out that it always sends details of its reports to affected companies so that they check their accuracy and comment on them ahead of publication.

"We are not a shadowy or secretive organisation. We have 40 pension funds and eight fund managers as clients, many from the private sector," he said.

But Pirc's sometime abrasive tactics coupled with Mr MacDougall's background with the National Union of Mineworkers and Hackney Council, fuel fears in some quarters

that Pirc is politically motivated.
"Rubbish," said Mr MacDougall.
pointing out that all his working life has been spent in pension or investment fund management. Ms Simpson's past as an Oxfam worker also puts her out of the frame as a political activist, except among the more paranoid boardrooms.

Although Pirc's profile has been raised by punch-ups with Shell over Nigeria, its staple diet is still pushing companies to abide by the Cadbury and Greenbury corporate gov-

It offers individual reports on all 350 FTSE companies, providing clients with details on all forthcom-

Regular updates on corporate governance are provided through a

research service and a monthly

briefing bulletin. Pirc Intelligence. In this field, it is competing against

research material put out by organisations such as the National Asso-

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ing agm resolutions analysed with reference to best business practice. attacking high-profile corporations make it a useful story source for

public relations. It has nothing in its locker to match Greenpeace's direct action, but critical shareholder questioning at annual meetings often start

newspapers. And it has good in-house media advice available from

its non-executive chairman, John

Plender, who is a leader writer on the

The group, which mainly represents local authority and trade union

pension funds, does not attend com-

pany agms itself. But it trawls through

Financial Times.

provide active shareholders with verbal ammunition. Pirc and its high profile tactics can

raise strong emotions from those with whom it has tangled, but few executives are willing to talk publicly. You will not get us to comment about them on the record because Pirc has teeth. There might be no Brent Spar with Pirc, but it is certainly a war of attrition," says one of Britain's largest corporations.

Private views on Pirc are mixed.

Some regard it as politically motivated and a self-serving irritant, while others believe it genuinely plays a vital role on corporate gov-ernance. The Institute of Directors, not usually coy about commenting on difficult issues, would only say: "Pirc is not really influential like Hermes or one of those funds," while the Confederation of British Industry said flatly: "It fulfils a role."

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# The kipper-tie maker who triumphed over Maxwell

John Talbot's career mirrors the triumphs and tragedies of the British economy under the past 18 years of Tory rule. In the early 1980s Mr Talbot worked as a financial director in a Midlands factory which made kipper ties. Fashions changed and his

company went into receivership. The receivers were so impressed by his grasp of finances, however, that they offered him a job. He accepted, and after a few career moves he popped up at Arthur Andersen, heading its in-solvency department just in time

In 1991 our man, a profoundly reticent professional, found himself splashed all over the front pages as the chief winder-upper of Robert Maxwell's global business empire. He was responsible for co-ordinating a large team which had to disentangle more than 200 companies world-wide and find out where the pension

money ended up.
With that and similar tasks completed, our hero now leads a corporate finance department for Arthur Andersen. So successful has he been that a recent mergers and acquisitions league table put AA 14th in the UK, ahead of other corporate finance houses such as JP Morgan. All that and he's a demon at snooker as well. From kipper-tie maker to cor-porate undertaker to City deal maker in 18 years, Mr Talbot is a perfect emblem of the Tory era. Perhaps there's a film in it?

Germany's biggest management consultancy has poached the UK managing director of rivals Arthur D Little to head up a big expansion drive in Britain.

Roland Berger & Partner has appointed Tim Simpson, a youth-ful-looking 50-year-old, to lead the charge. He will join UK chair-man Ian Hay Davison, a former boss of Lloyd's of London.

While Berger has been growing like mad in Germany recently it has only begun to operate seriously in the UK in the past couple of years.

Mr Simpson is described to me by someone who's met him as "quite nice really - not like a management consultant at all. He PEOPLE & BUSINESS



City deal maker: John Talbot is a perfect emblem of the Tory era

doesn't draw you lots of diagrams or things like that."

Messrs Simpson and Hay Davison should have no trouble bonding; Mr Simpson is an organist, while there's nothing Mr Hay Davison prefers more than a spot of church bell ringing. They should make a lively, if noisy, team.

Sam Simons, contracts manager at Taylor Woodrow, has been a busy bee. TayWood has just landed a £22m contract to supply all the concrete panelling for 14.5km of tunnels in the new Copenhagen underground system.

Mr Simons is proud of his concrete, which has been used in the Heathrow Express Rail Link. Thames Water sewer refurbishments and London Electricity cable tunnels. The secret, Mr Simons tells me, is the granite aggregate used in the concrete. It comes from Glen Sanda on the coast of west Scotland. So whatever Labour does about European integration, there will be a large chunk of Scotland nestling forever in the bosom of Copen-

Oh dear, Here comes another management fad: "Business

recapitulation aims to balance four human aspects – canotional. physical, mental and spiritual - to enhance relationships, solve problems and integrate people and

activities."
Heather Campbell and David
Firth, specialists in human behaviour, will present a paper on busi-

iour, will present a paper on business recapitulation at a Working Potential conference at Regent's College, London. on 15 May.

Ms Campbell says: "My work combines psychology, ancient wisdom, ritual, the creative arts and humour. Balancing all four human aspects will help us with the multiplicity of problems we face in today's business environment." in today's business environment."
Blimey. At this rate Sting will be running GEC.

Allied Domecq, the Beetenier to Teacher's group, has brought in Rupert Barclay from LEK Partnership to be its new strategy guru. Mr Barclay, 40, did an MA in Classics at St John's College.

Cambridge, and has an MBA too. Mr Barclay and Tony Hales, group chief executive, will work out how to put extra fizz into the booze and pubs business.

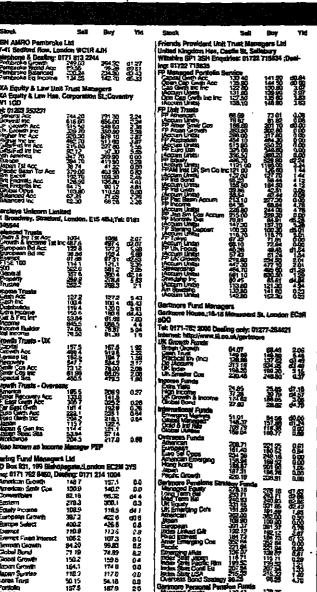
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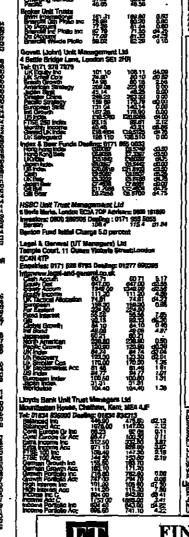
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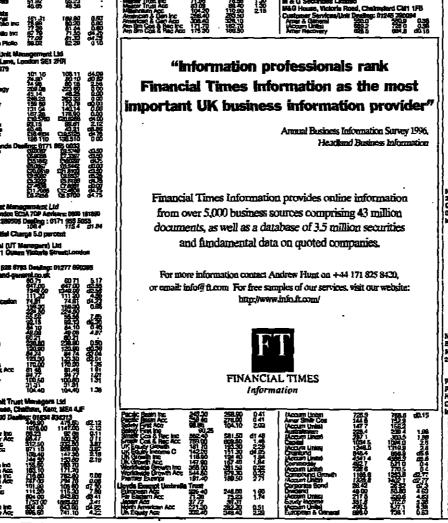
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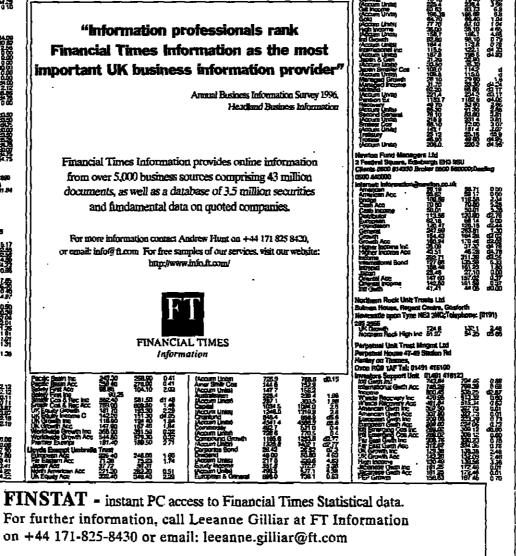
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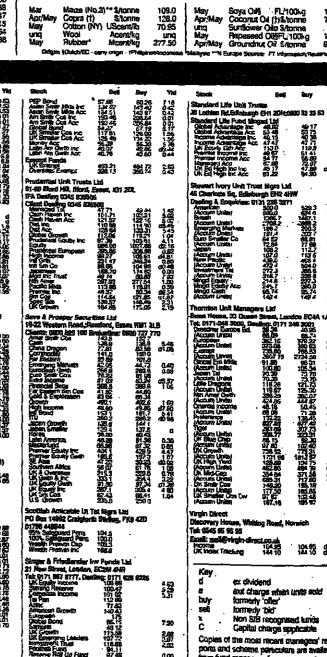
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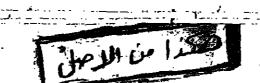












### Yalaietanee **Switches** to France

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The racecourse commentator at in case the field for the Classic Newmarket will sleep a little cut up. more easily tonight. Not only have two runners defected from one of the largest fields for the 2,000 Guineas for many years, but one of them, Yalaictance, would have required verbal gymnastics of Olympic stan-dard for the commentator to have mentioned him more than twice over the course of the Rowley Mile.

Yalaietanee, along with the Clive Brittain-trained Fantastic Fellow, now heads to France on Sunday week and the softer option - in every sense - of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas). His absence leaves Michael Stoute, his trainer, with two runners with which to pursue a third success in the first colts' Classic tomorrow. It remains a formidable team, with the big-race talking horse, Entrepreneur, lining up alongside his stablemate, the Craven Stakes winner

Desert Story. Stoute had consulted Yalaietanee's owner, Maktoum Al Maktoum, in whose colours Desert Story also runs, before deciding on which horses would attempt to supplement his 2,000 victories with Shadeed (1985) and Doyoun (1988).

Yesterday, the Sheikh's rac-ing manager, Joe Mercer, said: Why jeopardise a horse like Yalaietanee on fast ground when he will be better with a bit more cut? The ground at Newmarket will be good, fast ground, but it will be fast

ground. "It has been a scorching day today and any watering they have done today will have been absorbed, so Yalaietanee will go to France. Ray Cochrane will ride Desert Story on Saturday and we would like to get Frankie Dettori for Yalaitanee if he is available."

Fantastic Fellow, winner of

NEWMARKET 2.05: Triple Hay's three runs last

season indicate he will be difficult to beat if Richard Hannon has him fit enough first time up this campaign. Slight preference, however, is given to a rival near the bottom of the handicap. BARITONE seems certain to appreciate this shorter distance after fading in the closing stages when runner-up in a mile event at Ripon a fortnight ago.

2.35: MUSICAL DANCER has the best form credentials here. Ed Dunlop's colt finished well when second to the useful Grapeshot on this track in October. The dilemma for punters is that form books have often proved outdated where Godolphin runners are concerned and Haltarra could well be superior following a winter in Dubai.

3.10: Busy Flight, Time Allowed and Talina certainly have the class to win

FIRST SHOW

How they bet on today's

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| Time Allowed     | 9-2               | 7 <u>-1</u>  | 13-2           | <u>61</u>  |
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POINT-TO-POINT FIXTURES FOR MAY WARWICKSHIRE (evening) at Ashorna

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Sunday 4 FERNIE at Dingley

Monday 5 BANWEN MINERS at Pantyderi COTLEY at Cotley Fasts
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But after consultation with Prince Ahmed Salman, mastermind of the Thoroughbred Corporation, in whose colours Fantastic Fellow runs, Brittain has opted for Longchamp. "John Reid will ride him. John

France's principal Guineas tri-al for colts, the Prix Djebel, on

his seasonal debut last month,

had been left in at Newmarket

has a lot of experience round there and will ride him in work on Saturday," Brittain said. RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Haltarra

Revoque, who lost his unbeaten record when second to Yalaictance in the Greenham Stakes in their Classic prep, was the colt in demand with the bookmakers yesterday. The Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained colt is now 7-2 favourite, from 4-1, with Coral after sustained sup-

(Newmarket 2.35)

NB: Kaiser Kache (Newmarket 2.05)

The firm also shortened Criquette Head's Pas De Reponse for Sunday's 1,000 Guineas. The filly is now 4-1 joint second favourite with Godolphin's Moonlight Paradise.

The market is likely to be stirred again today when the first Godolphin runners of the season take to the track at Newmarket. The benefits of the winter sunshine of Dubai will be put to the test by Haltarra, Lammtarra's half-brother, in the Newmarket Stakes, a Derby trial, by Tulipa in the Jockey Club Stakes and by Zahir in the finale. Those who fancy Moonlight Paradise or, in the 2,000, Shamikh should consider stepping into the ring now. 2,000 Guineas Corat 7-2 Revoque, 4-1 En-2,000 @zineas Corak 7-2 Revoue, 4-1 Entrepreneur, 9-2 Shamiin, 7-1 Hidden Mendow, 9-1 Putra, 12-1 Poteen, 14-1 others.
1,000 @ujineas. Corak: 10-3 Skepyrine, 4-1 Moonlight Parados & Pas de Reporse, 9-1 Reams of Verse, 10-1 Yashmai, 12-1 Dance Parade, 14-1 others.

Yesterday's results, page 31

HYPERION'S

challenge from a rival with a recent run. Both Sacrament and Samraan can be relied upon to improve markedly on their initial outings two weeks ago but are probably best over longer distances. This 12 fur-longs, though, is probably KUTTA's best trip. His close third in the John Porter Stakes should have put him

spot on for this. 3.45: PURCHASING POWER bails from a stable in fine form and this colt's chance off a light weight is en hanced by talented apprentic Richard Mullen taking off 57b.

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Sunday 18 SICESTER & WHADDON at Mollington

Saturday 24 DULVERTON EAST at Mounsey Hill Gate TREDEGAR FARMERS at Bussaleg Monday 26

ALBRIGHTON WOODLAND at Chedites Corbett SOUTH TETCOTT at Lifton Saturday 31

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#### NEWMARKET

HYPERION 2.05 Baritone (nb) 4.15 Balalalka 2.35 Musical Dancer 4.50 Kaziranga 3.10 KUTTA (nep) 5.20 Zahir

3.45 Purchasing Power GOENG: Good (watering). oughest dash (which man be suit; il. 10 - Le saite, remaindet - centre. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; II Coeff. — 81 winners from 247 runners green a success ratio of 21.7% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 524.40; J Goaden — 41 winners, 230 runners, 14 1%, -575.17; R Hammon — 40 winners, 100 runners, 84.1%, - 5229.56; B Billis — 29 winners, 257 runces, 11.7%, -5.162.26.
■ LEADING JOCKETS Pat Eddery — 102 winners, 297 rules, 20 5%, 5-81.42; L Detter! — 68 winners, 482 rides, 14.1%, -5.175.14, W R Swindown — 44 winners, 311 rules, 14.1%, +52.17; J Reid — 35 winners, 345 rules, 10.1%, -5.16.02.

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Home GUIDE

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2.35 KUWAIT GREEN RIDGE STABLES NEWMARKET C4
STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £20,000 added 370

ETTING: 7-4 Hattams, 21-4 Musical Datesr, 7-2 Desart Horizon, 6-1 Reyal Crusade, 13-2 Sand

stone, 14-1 Sparton Royale 1998: Mich's Love 3 & B L Detton 3-1 (S tim Sustant dictor) (3) 5 cm Depart Horitons, who missed his intended reappropriation in list week's fudor Stakes at Sandows, finance more than three kingris whint of Jaurity Jack iscounds inten fourth of 12 to Asas here in October and showed the benefit of that octoid run when gamely accounting for Jaurity Jack by hot a length at Notingsiam four

neeks later. Lounly lack dain't let the form down when running notpot kiple libes to a neek at Perspanet on his return. The lack of a race in 183 days should not matter the reach because Desert Housen's stable has made a glood start this season but, even so, this should go to HALLARRA, a first number of the season in make a good start mis season but, even so, the should go to MALEAREM, a first nature of the season in the Brother for Lagrange, who is a full-further to 1995 Dethy within Lammanra, han Fartistot Fellow to that a length on his mitoclation at York lost September at a race which worked out well. Historia post the many piscing behind liking Sound at Nechany on his only other appearance and will be in good stage for his settin. Repair formade lamned his sample start so far, over a make of this track last decitive, stamming Cerchable three lengths in a field of 17 after travelling well throughout and having the race seem up at the buring pile. Sandatpool, a field with up 2004 of 3 Sandatpool season, looked in need of further when a preficiele mad behind market leader Selection of the make a field of the first of the pile selection and behind market leader Selection and behind which the selection of the selection and the selection and the first leader Selection and behind the selection and behand the selection and the selection and behand the selection and behand the selection and selection and selection and selection as the selection and selection. cal Denous, winter of a Bendrey model and number up three times test term, including a neck detect by impara at Leocister and when finding Grapesnot a length and a half too good in a Leocister and when finding Grapesnot a length and a half too good in a Leocister and when finding Spare.

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| 5  | 0122-3           | PUTTA (13) (Mr Harmdan At Marchant) R Armstrone 5 8 9              |                    |
| 6  | 31245            | MONS (188) (8F) (Mrs E H Vesse) L Curran 489                       | <u>110</u>         |
| 7  | 13133            | PERSON PONCH (200) (Mr. I.C. Small) D Baylotti 4.8.9               |                    |
| 8  | 4135-0           | SAMERAM (USA) (13) (D) (44 X M Al-Mudian ) Dunop 4 8 9             | J Carest 7 120     |
| 3  | 11210-           | TULERA (USA) (228) (0) "Construction 5 to 5 street 489             | 1 Detted 9 114     |
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| 3  | .45    | MILCARS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £8,000 added Im 2f Penalty Value £6,680  |
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| 2  | -2160  | WAFR (215) (5) No harmon Wardnesson P Lakes 5 10 0 If Block 15 72   |
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| 4  | 503-00 | SERENDPITY 670 (13) (0) (8 F Partersho) 3 Marray 4 9 11   |
| 5  | 03007  | VIRTUAL RESULTY (13) (0) (kg: Parmestic, ) Take (: 9 10 S Sanders 3 87  |
| 6  | -010-0 | EDWI HEIGHTS (12) (D) (Mr 1 2 Mozetter) S Dow 5 9 10  |
| 7  | 32016- | SHARP CONSUL (248) (0) (69 PAs David BlackCurry H Carcy 5 9 9   |
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| 10 | 053-   | INVERTIGABLE (184) (Se David Wiley ) Farstone 3 9 2   |
| 11 | 6110-3 | ASHEY HELL (13) (D) (Ness Menel Tuthel) P Rose 692  |
| 12 | 31-0   | OWER TO YOU (USA) (10) (69) (Malchum A Malchum) E During 3 9 0 O Pessier 23 78  |
| 13 |        | HARNEY WHITE (172) (D) [Howey White Partiership]   Pearts 5.87 _ C Tongoe (3) 11.88   |
| 14 | 1600-5 | FEBRES GOMERNOR (21) (D) (Fem Components Link W Masson 5 8 4  |
| 15 | 000-23 | JEAN PRINE (16) (Mr P D Bureto ) Pessos 4 8 3   |
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BETTBIR: 7-1 Perchaning Power, 13-2 Champagha Prince, 8-1 Ashby Hill, Inverteen's Virtual Reality, 10-1 Ferrir Stovenov, Over To You, 12-1 Serondjuly, 15-1 Bay Of Inland Raine A Prince, Sharp Count, 20-1 Revery White, 22-1 Edne Heights, 25-1 Wafer 1990; Codien Touch 4 8 3 W Carson 9-2 N Calagran) drawn 123 12 cm

VIRITIAL, REALITY; beneaty trained by Tony hole and mow in larmes Toker's year, somed twice in 1994 and feasined number-up on his first two scars the bottowing seeson — including a nech second in the Zestond Gold Cust. The sex-year-old initised feat season and, having his first our from his new space, did well to chose home Realighous at two send a half lengths at Newbury has welled ago. On 6th worse terms, my selection should agone have the measure of Ashby Mill — who sinisted five lengths admit in third and this a 5th but have not send in the lengths about in the custom to he had by the laboust per produce was a head to be year-old days but he showed agone of a return to he heat lest grain in numbing Neight Change to a head in last week's Coy and Suburbon at Epsom — the pair the registe daw. Purchassing Power was bettern a length and a heaf by La Modelse for the same Epsom card after scoring at Hamilton on the feature. Having been lightly cased, Newtice Catagran's coil should progress. Newtonade, that in a Yearstough manden on the lest of three juvenile starts last year, makes his transaction when a maniferant in the Sorth monard betting and can be sure securition in the Sorth monard betting and can bear a securition in the Sorth monard betting and can bear a securition in the Sorth monard betting and can bear a securities. default but as prominent in the early morning betting and can be in-

| 4  | .15   | DAHLIA STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS A) £16,250 added 1m 1f<br>Panalty Value £10,007  |
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| 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br><del>6</del><br>7 | 1254-2<br>43-200<br>10-01D<br>/130-0<br>34446 | BALALANIA (182) (D) (Hebra Springfield Lin) I, Cumani 4 8 9 L. Detient 5  BLESSED SPRIT (12) (BF) (Sr William Stutistical) C Well 4 8 9 (D. Detient 6  BUSINED FEATURE (13) (AP Detient W Johnson Dr.) Sturger 4 8 9 Ar Roberts  BERNETES OF BEOFRA (13) (Ar Robert Colborn) J Berlet 7 8 9 J Roberts  J Roberts  AREDIEWAL LADY (13) (Summerties Stud) I Belling 4 8 9 R Cochann 7  TRANSISTA (174) (Art 1 H Superir Bown) J Durlop 4 8 9 Pat Eddery 2  WOODREN (USA) (47) (Mass K Rausing R Carest 4 8 9 D Positer 3  — 7 declarated — |
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ika, 3-1 Runter: Of Brora, 7-1 Medieval Lady, Tsarnista, 12-1 Blessed Spirit,

Hurliers Of Brana wan the Newtony Spring Cup structly on ment only to be disquasified and placed last because of the jockey's inesponsible mixing - Newtonia Lady a 10-length several of 19 and only margraph better in. That effort suggests that itemes Bethet has the Sharpo INy as good as ever at the age of sever and the should region in bold but to make amends with John Red in the saciate but BALLARIA is just pre-terror. A SIOLDOOpe Sulf-stater to the legit-class Stagecraft, Luca Commit's thy was unraced at no and made a writing debut at Newtonia 1996, She has borne good races afterwards without winning first-ing trily about it length off the winner in numing fourth behind Proper Baue here in November on her text-appearance. Blassead Sprilk was on 10st when beaten three and a heal lengths by Angel Face in a hand-cap at Thinsis, whose side was derived a clear num, but my selection should have her measure at levels.

4.50 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £4,386 20- ALBORIAS (237) (85) (bir Hamdon Al Makroum) W R Hem S 11...
0 PONTERN (15) (birs B Berock & Mr R G Collers) A Stevant S 11...
5 MARIA (14) (bir Hamdon Al Holdoum) B Hambury B 11...
5 KAZERANGA (1584) (16) (Sheish Mohammed L Cuman B 11...
10 KALIRANGA (1584) (16) (Sheish Mohammed D Landon B 11...
11 MILLPET (Bradmil List) R Guest B 11... \_R HERE 8 ..... Reid 9 

1 others 1990: Ta Reb 3 & 11 W Carson 11-4 (E Duniop) drawn (7) 14 ran

FORM GUIDE IMPN staged well first time up when a so-length side of 19 behind kool Kar Kale over today's my at Newbury. Sen Handaury's filly can only progress with the expenence behind her and is tanced to open her account, Kazdrango, who is by Lear Fan out of a German 1,000 Gunneas winner, with also be the better for her string, when a sever-nort-half-length hith of 12 to odds-on Rebecca Sharp at the Casen meeting here. Ear Dunlary's Klowadi, a Kos filly, is a debutance who can lighte with Keren Fallon on the saddle.

5.20 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (CLASS G) 3YO ZAHIR RISAL (AF Hamdan Al Makeum) Sign Surger 9 O.

BETTIME: 1-3 Zahir. 9-4 Mythical 1996: Mes Pravila 3 8 9 Pat Eddery 5-2 (P Walwyn) dicwn (2) 2 tan

Hybbiand has expenence on his aide in this match but could do no better than fourth on the Lingfield Equivarian November after finishing down the field on his detail at Yermouth, and ZAMIR looks the filedy winter. Zahir is by Payman out of Manwah, a half-state to Visatiwan and closely related to Alvacim and Unfuschi, and could be useful.

Salections ZAMIR FORM SURDE

#### 00-0 THE TIG (I.S) L Lloyd-tames 3.8.7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_T Williams 7 600 WHO'S THAT MAN (21) S Wacans 3.8.7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X Ductor 11 006-42 MURRAY GREY (IS) E Weynes 3.8.4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J Quinn 6 540-3 MUSIC EXPRESS (IS) J L Eye 3.8.4 \_\_\_\_\_ R Prench (S) 13 MUSSELBURGH

2.15 Nampara Bay 2.45 Serape 3.20 Baby Jane 3.55 Theatre Of Dreams 4.25 Little Acom 5.00 Grey Kingdom

GOING: Good to Firm. GOING: Goud to Firm.

STALLS: Nameth course - for side, round course - made.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 50; High from 7f to 1m 4f.

Roght-hand oval course with tight turns.

Course is 5m E of Eduburgh on Al. Rus inde from Edinburgh station for, ADMISSION: Club 5 12; Tutersoile 50 (CAFe and memployed 53). Accompanied under-lies free. CAR PARK: Free.

BLINEERED PIEST TIME: Take Notice (2, 15); Running Green

(visured) (2.45). WINNERS IN TUB LAST SEVEN DATS: Buby June (1.20) & All

On (4.25) won at Porteinact on Monday, Little Acorn (4.25) & Grey Kingdom (5.00) won at Carbele on Priday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: seven runners have been sent 180 index from Negmarkst, Suffolk.

2.15 MCEWAN'S 804 AMATEUR RIDERS HAND-ICAP (CLASS F) £3,500 added 5f 

5 202330 READY TEDDY (288) Mess L Persit 4 10 13.
5 6 60060-0 GRGAUULI (15) (D) P D Evers 4 10 11. Mr W McLaughin 4 7 030500 SOUTHERN DOMENSON (13) (D) Mess J Creer 4 10 6. 8 40000-6 SUNDAY MAL 100 (18) (D) Mes L Permit 5 10 4... 

8-1 Gagajota, impish, Hampara Bey, 10-1 Take Notice, 12-1 others

2.45 MCEWANS LAGER LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 250255 NORTHERN FAN (B) (D) N Tinker 5 9 9 ..... Down Mei 300/004 CHINOUR (20) (D) E Alson 998\_ 

HYPERION

1.50 Lucky Archer 2.25 Call Me Albl 2.55 Prince Of Spades 3.30 Distant Memory 4.05 Out On A Promise 4.40 God Speed You 5.10 Easter Ross

GOING: Good to Pirth.

Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-in.

Rececourse is north of town on A330, Newton Abbot railway station (served by London, Paddington) is less than one rule sway.

ADMISSION: Tattersells 510; Silver Ring & Paddock 55, CAR-PARE On rails \$1.50, remainder free.

BLINERED PIEST TIME: Spring To Glory (visored, 3.30),

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Yakraleo (4.05) won at leading on Forder.

Ladiow on Friday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Nogulia (Li00), Dismond Fort.

(4-40) & Vagne Hope (6.10) sent 168 miles by J McConnochie from Wilmsole, Warwickshire.

1.50 THEAKSTONS REAL ALE MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,925 added 2m 1f

050- CALGARY GEN. (283) R Budies 5 10 9 \_\_\_\_\_ P Holips 43 LUCKY ARCHER (22) (EP) P Holips 4 10 9 \_\_\_\_ A R Righend 3303 RACHEL (SUSEE (ER) T Reduty 5 10 9 \_\_\_\_\_ AR R Pages 50465 SPRIT LEVEL (20) J R Pages 9 10 9 \_\_\_\_\_ AR R Pages 50HERSE SPECIAL (FSS2) S Cole 4 10 9 \_\_\_\_\_ F Tibley

SETTING: 9-4 Nordance Prince, 5-1 Locky Arabor, 11-2 Alliston Express, 7-1 He Koons The Raise, 8-1 Henrys Port, 16-1 Ketchicks, Ruchel Louise,

2.25 BEAMISH RED IRISH ALE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £4,950 added 2m 5f 110yds

2131P2 BLASKET HERO (7) (C) (A) May S Williams 9 11 6 A P Mis Coy B

(3252 WALK IN THE WOODS (32) D Turner 10 10 9 Mr A Holdmonth

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SETTINE: 24 Bission Hero, 11-4 Jac Del Prince, 5-2 Call Me Albi, 7-1.

2.55 COURAGE BEST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G)

/32-P2 TOMS CHOICE (41) (BF) J Tuck 8 11 0 ...

£2,375 added 2m 1f

Tours Choice, 8-1 Mei, Walk in The Woods .

- 14 deciared -BETTING: 5-1 Chiapur, 6-1 Northern Fan, 13-2 Serape, 7-1 Morrey Grey, 8-1 Music Express, 10-1 Dictation, Running Green, 24-2 others 3.20 KRONENBUUKS 100-1 Land 190 1m 4f (CLASS F) £3,300 added 3YO 1m 4f KRONENBOURG 1664 CLAIMING STAKES 3.55 MILLER PILSNER CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2YO Sf 

.....X Dunitry 4 52 ELLEMEROOK (13) J Berry & 8.... 535 INCHALONG (23) M Brezon & 6... TTMC: 13.8 Filmbrook, 7-4 Theatre Of Dresses, 7-2 Captain Riles, 8-1 4.25 MCEWAN'S 70/- HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 4f

5.00 BEAMISH RED IR (CLASS F) £3,500 QC-0050 RYMER'S RASCAL (14) E AS 42350-6 LILLINGUA CUR Mrs J Ram DODO-DO GORMANE (14) J Ha 00-323 CAPTAIN CA ROS (94 J I 50-3113 GREY IDNGOOM (4) (D BF) I 04503-0 TERMON (36) (C) Mass L Pero 026-000 DEET (7) (CD) Mass L Perost 1 40040-0 TOLEPA (8) J.) O'Neal 4 8 2... 4006-53 SECONDS AWAY (32) J Galde 6 7 10.

SETTRIC: 3-1 Grey Kingdom, 4-1 Norts Deed, 9-2 (Mibella, 7-1 Capts Comparts, 8-1 Shoutsine, 10-1 Rysser's Rescal, Tenson, 16-1 others

Minimum weight 10st. The handstap selfut Misamum Set 11th, Gattish Set 4 BETTING: 3-1 October Brow, 4-1 Bodantree, 9-2 More Bills, 5-1 Prin Of Spades, 11-2 On My Toes, 14-1 Galaxy High, 20-1 others

3.30 MELLER TIME CLASSIC HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,075 added 2m 5f 110yds

BETTENE: 7-2 Late: Of Longbros. 4-1 Red Branch, 9-2 Distant Memory, 12-2 St. Of A Youch, 7-1 Evening Rain, 8-1 Scotoni, Spring To Glory, 12-

4.05 HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,650 added 2m 1f

SETTING: 6-4 Yelookon, 5-2 Oot On A Promise, 11-2 Hendson, 6-1 Footsmys,

4.40 FOSTERS OVAL RACE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £4,950 added 3m 2f 110yds

520926 DAMAGNO FORT (7) (C) J McCorroche 12 10 6.

- 5 deckared -BETTING: 15-8 God Speed You, 5-2 Act Of Parliament, 5-1 Reinbour Coe-tie, 11-2 Diamonal Fort, 6-1 Sauntown His

5.10 ITS NOT ALL OVER YET OPEN NH FLAT

RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 1f

205 JOING OF THE ALLES (100) J May 5 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_T J Marghay
ROYAL SENSON W G M Turner 5 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ JP conset (7)
WALKE HOPE J McCornectie 5 11 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_ JM\*O abd\*ball (7)
OO ARCTIC VERTURE: (504) S Projet 5 10 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M Richarch

ERSTER ROSS M Herderson 4 10 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M A Plagerabl

ERSQLETER ROSS M 10 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ S Ryan (6)

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000-5 LIMOSKER STAR 690 Filmis 7 10 0. 5PPP62 NURAMARE (2) R Hodges 7 10 0... P53353 QABRSH (7) B Solven 12 10 0.... - 9 declared -

| RISH ALE HANDICAP ) added 7f 30yds   san 5 9 10 | 9 500 BNDOLSIA (29) J Rarer 4 10 4 R Bu   |
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| D Mercago (7) 3                                 | 9 declared -  |
| 11 6 10 K Declay 10 : K Declay 10 :             | BETTRIQ: 3-1 Fatghalicheir, 7-2 Disenonsi Beach, 4-1 Country Orchi<br>2 Juneiocost, 6-1 Pats Cross, 16-1 Junt Whiletin, 20-1 others |
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6.45 KELLYS LAGER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS

| HYPERION 5.45 Fly To The End 6.15 Pats Cross 6.45 The Whole Hog 7.15 Aly Daley 7.45 Flyaway Blues 8.15 Raise A Dollar   | 8-1 Evening Rush   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).  Leh-hand, unduluting course. Run-in on clusse course of 500yds.  Course is int SE of town in june of A680 and A177. Stockton station (9m). ADMISSION: Paddock \$2, others free.  VISIOLED FIRST THEE Jendences (6.15); Whitegoreuprincess (8.16).  WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.  LONG-DISTANCE SUNNERS: The Whole Hog (6.45) has been sent 257 miles by E Balley from Upper Lumbourn Berkshire. | 7.15 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m 5f 1 211123 WEAVER GEORGE (13) (G W Storey 7 12 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.45 LCL PILS JOHN WADE SELLING HCAP<br>HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,375 2m 5f 11.0yds   | 6 PUPPO- WART YOU THERE (340) (CD) H Alexander 12:10 7   |  |  |  |  |  |

Minimum weight: 10st. Two handicap weight: Rishel King St 11fb.
BETTING: 5-2 Wester Goorge, 7-2 My Dalay, Brighter Shade, 5-1 Cross
Cannon, 13-2 The Tomster, 16-1 Blazing Davin, 20-1 others

7.45 £3,000 added 2m 5f 110yds 642122 FLYANIAY BLUES (F14) (BF) Mrs M Reveloy 5 11 7 ... P Milyon 1-01U0 MORTHERN STAR (13) (D) J Polering 6 11 7 ...... To Obige Set 7th, Rostino Set 3th.
BETTING: 7-2 Barton Heights, 5-1 Cool Lake, 11-2 King Of The Horse, 81 Fly To The End, Showed, 9-1 Findock, Queen's Counsel, 12-1 others \_Miss C Metcalfe (7) 

0 LADY SWIFT (188) K Hogs 6 10 9 .......... - 8 declared -BETTRIC: 11-10 Flyeway Blace, 4-1 Emil, 8-1 Northern Star, Movie Man, Catch The Pigeon, 14-1 Strong Charakter, Woodkoose Lane, Lady Swift 2m 1f 8.15 KEOGHANS MARES HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,750 added 2m 5f 110yds 

035341 PEGGY GORDON (9) (C) Mrs D Thomson 6 10 11(7e¢ --40335 RAISE A DOLLAR (6) P Beaumort 7 10 9 .........Mr S Seden 8 0000-2 NEEE SPRITE (28) R Barr 7 10 0 \_\_\_\_\_\_N Horrecks (7)

| F) 54,200 added 3m 3f | SETTING: 13-8 Paggy Gordon, 3-1 Ruise A D<br>Aide Memoire, 10-1 Nite Sprite, 14-1 Whiteg   |  |  |  |  |
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| ANGOR                 | 6 005P53 TIS GRAMD (22) (20) P Richers 7 0-4003 SIGNE RIVER (7) G Richers 6 10 8 -50003 MARBOOD (22) S Carls 12 10 7 9 UCF AMASSANSA (98) A Newcombe 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |  |  |  |  |

6.00 Foxies Lad 6.30 The Secret Grey 7.00 1111 Skane River 7.30 Frickley 8.00 Bitofamix- 12 up 8.30 Winsford Hill

GOING: Good.

Left-hand, undulating course; run-in 325yds.

Left-hand, undulating course; run-in 325yds.

Course 4 undes SE of Wreatham near jetn of A525 and B5009.

ADMINSTON: Parkbox 59: Course 54. CAR PARK: Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: The Nanginy Vicar & Tommy Cooper (6,00); Top Brass (7.20); Bu Grand (visored, 7.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Borolink The Rebel (8.30) was at Market Rasen on Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Bitchlandrup (8.00) sent. 239 miles by M Roberts from Bode Street, Green, East Sassex. miles by M Roberts from Bodie Street Green, East Str 6.00 J SCOTT FURNISHERS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 added 3m

6-2911 SUPREME RYER (DS) (P) K Balery 7 11 12 J Cohome
-31315 TELY (14) A Structer 7 11 12 T Skey V
373143 REMERIANN RODE (32) W Cary 8 11 1 Skey Leads (3) V
-305 BBB STAN'S BOY (48) C Boole 6 11 0 G Bradley
1695 MAZZARIE (69) R Stronge 5 11 0 G Bradley
102223 FOXES 140 (7) D Nicholson 6 11 0 Mr R Thomston (3) P10PP SHARP TRIVE (80) (D) P Hobbs 7 11 0..... P PROGRAM PERSY (ST) J Mache 5 10 9 PROGRAM PERSY (ST) J Mache 5 10 9 PROGRAM PERSY (ST) J PROGRAM PERSON PROGRAM (ST) J PROGRAM PERSON PERSON

- 18 declared BÉTTENE: 9-4 Supreme Piper, 5-2 Forties Lad, 8-1 YMy, 10-1 Mg Stae's
Soy, 12-1 The Hangisty Vicar, 14-1 Rhesbank Rose, 18-1 Gower-Stave,
Scale Down, 20-1 Couble Dask, 25-1 others

6.30 JONES PECKOVER NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 2m 1f 110yds 

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### McNamara adds substance to sales pitch

Tomorrow's Challenge Cup final provides the Bradford Bulls loose forward with a chance to fulfil high expectations, he tells Dave Hadfield

what they have achieved over the past year or so, they have to they have not, as yet, actually

Super League's acknowl- playing anywhere else." edged success story is still lacking its pay-off line and no one is more conscious of that fact than Steve McNamara, whose excilement and frustration.

The former Hull looseplay in last season's Silk Cut to have made an unqualified Challenge Cup final and he then suffered the extra disappointment of being forced by in-

"We had a comparatively good season last time but we had the disappointment of not coming up with anything. If we don't win anything this time, there's a danger of us losing our momentum," he says. "The expectations of the crowd are so season that they expect so much from us every week.

mosphere that surrounds playing for Bradford is unique.

"I was lucky as a young sup-porter to be involved with Hull win at Wembley: to add sub-

place like Bradford, which wasn't noted for big crowds, and see the way it has taken off has keep reminding themselves that been tremendous. You couldn't wish to be at a better place at the moment. I couldn't imagine

After Odsal, anywhere else would certainly seem quiet and understated. The Bulls are the one club to go full bore for the own year has been a mixture of new opportunities presented by summer rugby and the one -with the honourable exception forward was signed too late to of their Cup final opponents -

jury to pull out of Great a gloomy, depressing venue is Britain's tour. Nobody feels now an all-singing, all-dancing more keenly the need to translate promise into fulfilment at Wembley tomorrow.

experience – a million miles away from watching the team they used to call Northern or the Steam Pigs slogging through the

fog.
It is brash, raucous, colourful and often pretty crass - and it works. Bradford more than doubled their average gate last season to displace Wigan as the game's best-supported club and high. We have found out on oc- all their home League matchcasions when we've won but not es so far this season have played particularly well this attracted wildly enthusiastic five-figure crowds.

They are clearly doing some-That is the new challenge for thing right, but where McNathe Bulls; making reality match mara parts company from the their highly effective hype. As marketing gurus is in his in-McNamara has found, the at-stinctive understanding that there must be a pay-off if the mood is to be sustained.

porter to be involved with Hall win at Wembley: to add sub-shoot or dropping your Filofax at a time when the atmosphere stance to the sales pitch. For-on your foot.

When the Bradford generated was just phenome-Bulls look back on nal," he recalls. "To come to a stance there - not least in the players they have added to their side since they lost there to Saints 12 months ago.

Apart from McNamara, Bradford have acquired Stuart Spruce, Danny Peacock, Glen Tomlinson, James Lowes and Tahi Reihana for this year's Cup final squad.

"There's no doubt that we're a stronger team," he says. "It was frustrating sitting out the final last year, but I knew from the time I signed that that was going to happen. It would have been worse to be injured or

ccess of Super League's brave dropped.
"Obviously, it's nice for me to have the chance to go back and get my chance this time. The one doubt I had was whether the players who played there last year would have the same desire for this one. But, if anything, they've got even more hunger for it than I have."

McNamara's own hunger is sharpened by what he calls "the most devastating thing that has happened to me". An automatic choice for the Lions' tour to the South Pacific, he had to withdraw with a badly gashed hand.

Although it was little consolation to him at the time, the nature of the accident says a good deal about a young playwho keeps closely in touch with his own - and rugby league's - roots. He was carrying a crate of drinks for his old amateur club, surely a better way of acquiring a war wound than tripping up at a photo-



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### Injured Scales will miss final Plate provides welcome return \*

DAVE HADFIELD

Jon Scales, the Bradford Bulls' winger, is out of the side for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley tomorrow. Scales, the player who swung the semi-final last season with a hat-trick of tries and also scored in the final, has a thigh injury and cannot play in the repeat against St

"He strained a thigh against Robbie Pa Halifax two weeks ago and is not half-back.

as the squad arrived at their southern headquarters.

Elliott is likely to play Danny Peacock and Paul Cook on the wings, although Abi Ekoku-the brother of Wimbledon footballer Efan - is also in the squad. Bradford are likely to have

Graeme Bradley and Paul Loughlin in the centres and Glen Tomlinson alongside Robbie Paul, their captain, at

fit enough to play," said the Bulls' coach. Matthew Elliott, things to consider," said Elliott, who has admitted to having sleepless nights wondering who to leave out.

> Nathan Graham, who was vilified after the mistakes that arguably cost Bradford the Cup last year, is in the running for a place among the substitutes.

St Helens took a 19-man squad to their London base yesterday, including both Alan Hunte and Derek McVey, but a decision on the involvement

of both could be left until tomorrow morning.

Hunte could even be put through a pre-match fitness test at Wembley - in the man-ner of Ellery Hanley in 1991 before a decision is made on whether his torn hamstring has

Saints' squad includes five men who have not played at Wembley before: McVey, plus the New Zealander, Julian O'Neill, Chris Morley, Paul Anderson and Andy Haigh.

lation prize competition which forms Wembley's curtain rais-er for the first time tomorrow. has more sceptics than believers - but not in south Leeds or

east Hull, writes Dave Hadfield. David Plange, Hunslet's player-coach, said: "You won't find many people from this part of the world knocking it."

Plange has seen Wemblev from all angles, as a member of the Hull Schools' under-11s side in 1976 and in the Castle-

The Silk Cut Plate, the conso-ford team that beat Hull KR 10 their traditional home, the staying alive has been more of about the chance to return. "Apart from being great for

players and supporters, it also provides revenue," he says. In Hunslet's case, it also strikes a historical chord. It was 32 years ago that they were last at Wembley - for one of the

great finals, against Wigan - and their reappearance marks the rediscovery of their identity. Now installed in a new stadium not far from Parkside,

years later, but he is not blase Plate gives them the chance to a priority than going to Wemremind the city they still exist. Hull KR's Wembley pedi-

gree is more recent; indeed, one of their players, Des Harrison, played in the 1986 final, but can remember little of it, thanks to an early blow on the head. Their coach, Steve Crooks, played for them there in 1981.

and no one is more aware of

how much times have changed

for Rovers. Since their great days in the early to mid-80s,

bley and they are only playing now by permission of the administrators running the club. Plange intends to do lead from the front. He only had a plaster cast removed from his

ankle on Wednesday. For him. and the others involved, the match that kicks off at 12.15, when spectators are traditionally settling into over-priced London pubs, is far from a meaningless side-show.

### **Keane under World Cup cloud**

#### Football

Roy Keane's anguish at missing a World Cup penalty could be doubled if Fifa, football's international governing body, Wednesday night's Group Eight qualifier in Romania.

Viorel Moldovan, one of five Romanians booked in their 1-0 victory, went down in the penalty area as if poleaxed as players jostled for position at an lrish tree-kick.

The Dutch referee, Mario van der Ende, missed the secondhalf incident as he tried to usher the Romanian defenders back. Television evidence was unclear although it showed Keane making an intimidating gesture with his forehead towards Moldovan's

face.
The Romanian played on after treatment but was later substituted. The referee took no action against Keane, whose

48th-minute penalty was saved. Keane's controversial career. He was sent off for attacking a Russian player in Mick Mc-

er last March. He was given a. one-match suspension and then banned by McCarthy from Ireland's summer trip to America after failing to report for a friendly against Portugal in May last year. But he has played take action over an alleged in all of Ireland's last five matchhead-butting incident during es after making only sporadic Wednesday night's Group Eight appearances in the ill-fated Euro 96 qualifying campaign. The incident with Moldova

in the Republic's unlucky defeat on Wednesday night was just one of a series of unsavoury events. The Crystal Palace midfielder Ray Houghton was felled by a coin thrown from the crowd and played on with an ugly gash in his head. And the substitute Tony Cascarino complained afterwards that one of the Romanians spat in his face. Houghton did not need stitches but said: "I felt very wobbly for a while but just wanted to

get on and finish the game." The coin was thrown despite a warning over the public address system earlier when an-It is another trauma in other missile, believed to be a plastic bottle, also landed on the pitch. Now Romania look certain to face severe punishment

### **Brown does sums**

"Always look on the bright side of life" urged the loudspeakers after Scotland's 2-1 defeat in Gothenburg. Was the song an exhortation to Sweden's players and supporters to believe that they can reach the World Cup finals? Or merely sardonic sympathy for the visitors? Either way, Craig Brown had little option other than to heed the

On the dark side, Scotland failed to build on the strong position secured by victory over Austria. They also passed up the chance to reduce Sweden to also-rans. A defence which had begun to look impregnable succumbed twice to the partnership of Kennet Andersson and Martin Dahlin, while the midfield could not fulfil Brown's prediction of ascen-

At first glance, the mathematics of Group Four are also against the Scots. Their maximum points total is now 23. against Austria's 25 and Sweden's 24. However - and this is where they can see the light their rivals have yet to meet in

If Brown's wish for a draw were granted, and Scotland finished level on points with Austria, qualification would come down to goal difference. In the made him a symbol of Brown's

Phil Shaw says Scotland must go for broke if they are

to reach the finals event of the two being equal, Scotland would have the advantage of having taken the balance of the points against Austria. Brown, meanwhile, senses that Sweden carry the

greater threat. For the trek to Belarus on 8 June, the Scotland manager needs no calculators or rule books to realise that his team must go for broke. Despite the former Soviet republic's mediocre position, it was defeat in Minsk which ultimately forced the Netherlands into playing off for a place at Euro

"Our job will be to win our last three matches," Brown said. "It's a lot harder to win five games in a row than three. Austria are in the best position, though I still think Sweden are the best side in the group."

Minsk will be a fresh test of his resourcefulness, for the Scots will be without Colin Hendry and Colin Calderwood. Hendry's leonine mane and tigerish tackling have

Scotland, although the manager distanced himself from the Blackburn player's injudicious assertion that the Italian referee favoured Sweden because Uefa's president, Lennart Johannson, is

With both defenders booked in for overdue operations -Calderwood would have been suspended anyway - Brown will turn to Rangers' Alan McLaren and the uncapped Christian Dailly, of Derby. Wimbledon's Brian McAllister is also under consideration.

Whoever joins Tom Boyd in the back three, they will not go in "cold". To maintain a competitive edge in his squad after an arduous domestic season. Brown has arranged friendlies against Wales at Kilmarnock on May and in Malta four days

In the meantime, remembering Harold Wilson's legendary claim that England only won the World Cup under a Labour government, it would have been intriguing to observe whether success in Sweden would have produced a surge in support for the Scot-tish National Party in yesterday's poll. To Brown's chagrin, and doubtless that of Alex Salmond,

#### step up campaign The nation that gave the world the tango may not, after all, be

dancing in the dark when the élite emerge into the World Cup limelight in France next year. Argentina rescued their ailing qualifying campaign with a 2-1 victory over Ecuador in Buenos

Aires that lifted them into third place in the South American zone. The top four in a league involving all nations in the region will join the holders in the finals. Ariel Ortega, the latest to follow in Diego Maradona's midfield footsteps, put Argenti-na ahead and Hernan Crespo,

who displaced Gabriel Batistuta, made it 2-0. However, Ortega was overshadowed by his rival No 10, Alex Aguinaga, as Ecuador fought back, Aguinaga pulled a goal back in the 67th minute and then Eduardo Hurtado missed two good chances to equalise for Ecuador. Second-placed Colombia suf-

fered a shock 1-0 home defeat against Peru, who secured the points with a goal by Jose Pereda, It was Colombia's second successive defeat. They were without their banned Newcastle striker, Faustino Asprilla, who was sent off with Paraguay's goalkeeper, Jose Chilavert, in a fiery encounter earlier this month. It was Colombia's goalkeeper, Farid Mondragon, who let them down, throwing the ball straight to Pereda for the only goal. The defeat was such a shock that their coach, Hernan Dario Gomez, contemplated resigning. Paraguay made light of

Chilavert's absence, moving six points clear at the top by beating Uruguay 3-1 in Asuncion. Internazionale's Ivan Zamorano was in stonning form on Tuesday, scoring five times in Chile's 6-0 win over Venezuela. WORLD CUP Seath American Zone (Bussday); (Seathlegs) Critic 6 (Zernozeno 19, 26, 31, 47, 85, Payes 65) Sentensels 0, (Wednesday); (Barran-quillas Colombe 6) Pavi 1 (Penda 51); (Baunelan) Penguay 3 (Rose 38; Cardoto pen 74, Sons 82); Unguay 1 (Seas 87); (Bosenos Aires) Agentras 2 (Oraga 17, Crespo 32) Ecuador 1 (Agansas) 87)



### Yeovil return to the Conference as Icis champions

RUPERT METCALF

Macclesfield Town may have been delayed in their quest to win the GM Vauxhall Conference and promotion to the Nationwide League when they were held

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Non-League notebook one non-League club did enjoy big midweek celebrations.

Yeovil Town, whose crowdpulling power is greater than any other non-League team, won the Icis League with a 2-1 victory at Bromley on Tuesday, and next season will be back in the Conference from which 3-3 on Wednesday at Halifax, but they were relegated in 1995.

NO. OF WINNERS

37,306

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Howard Forinton, the striker who is moving to Birmingham City in the summer, scored both goals from the penalty spot. "It was a super climax to a wonderful season," Graham Roberts, Yeovil's player-manager, said. "The lads have been wonderful. and their consistency speaks for

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ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 30/4/97. The winning numbers: 8, 10, 16, 17, 24, 40, Bonus number: 13.

Total Sales: £25.339.461. Prize Fund; £11,402,757 (45% of ticket sales).

Now the Somerset club, who have 98 points, will attempt to top the ton in tomorrow's all-ticket final game at home to Chertsey. Altrincham had no reason to

celebrate on Tuesday, though. Their 2-1 home defeat to Stevenage confirmed their relegation from the Conference, along with Bromsgrove Rovers.

Either Halifax or Bath City will join them: Bath need to win at home to Northwich tomorrow and hope Halifax do not beat Stevenage. As for Macclesfield, they will win the title if they win at Kettering - anything less and Kidderminster could pip them with a big victory at Gateshead. Leek Town, who won the

UniBond League last week, will join Yeovil in the Conference next term, but who goes up from the Dr Martens League will not be settled until tomorrow. Gresley Rovers, the champions, did not apply for promo-

tion because their new ground

will not be ready in time, so the runners-up will go up. Cheltenham Town are the favourites to make it, but Gloucester City or even Hale-sowen Town, if they thrash Nuneaton, could claim the prize if Cheltenham slip up at Burton.

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### Salisbury set for the flight path

David Liewellyn meets the England leg-spinner who is enjoying life in his new home at The Oval

The summer of '97 could well go down in cricketing annals as the year of the leg-spinner. After all, there are enough of them around. The touring Australians will have the inimitable Shane Warne, Somerset have re-engaged the engaging and mes-merising Mushtaq Ahmed, while Kent have taken on Zim-

babwe's Paul Strang.

It is highly likely that all of them - and the chutch of other wrist spinners around the shires would echo the sentiments of Surrey's own leggie, Ian Salis-bury, who greets the prospect of a dry, dusty summer and its concornitant hosepipe bans with unalloyed joy. "That would be absolutely beautiful," said Salisbury, who is hoping that his move from troubled Sussex to The Oval will relaunch his England career.
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a bosepipe ban. Unfortunately," he added, a shadow flitting momentarily across his face as he indicates the lush acres of his new home through the windows of the Long Room, "it's still nice and green out there."

However, as he prepares to take on the giant-killing British Universities at The Oval today. Salisbury is happy. His pre-season trip to South Africa was a success, but not because of what he achieved on the field. "I took a few wickets," he says, "but the most exciting thing I did over there was to meet Terry Jenner. It was absolutely brilliant."

won nine Australian caps during the 70s, is now the leg-spin-ners' guru of the 90s, his services have been used in New Zealand and South Africa, while he also works at the Australian Cricket Academy near Adelaide. "He is Shane Warne's coach," Solisbury explains.

"His personal mentor. He is a legend. And Terry was with us for a whole day while we were in South Africa." There is no doubt how Salisbury regards Jenner. "He was just unbelievable. He gave me a few tips, two or three pointers for me to work on. He is just the best person I could have chatted to. I'd love to have spoken to him when I

Nine years on, Salisbury is determined to prove that the meeting has not come too late. The move north and a winter off has left him, he says, with his enthusiasm for, and his desire to play the game "sky high". Surrey have made him welcome. "I feel a part of everything and that's before I've even played a

If his enthusiasm is at all infectious then the uptake of what was a dving art could reach serious proportions this summer. He is animated when talking of leg-spinning and its perpetrators. Terry Jenner has a passion for leg-spinning," explains Salisbury, who, like Jenner, has just nine Tests to his

Jenner, a leg-spinner who name. "And if you haven't got that passion then there is no point. It is different from everything else. I love bowling legspin. I love it,

"Terry Alderman's swing bowling was almost an art form and fast bowlers are strong and clever, but there is a bullishness about them. A slow bowler is like an elegant batter. Legspinning has mystique and ro-mance. Everybody wants to know how and why, but no one

"I think the public have got a little bit bored with fast bowling. Just watching them running in and bouncing a hatsman, maybe getting a catch, maybe hitting them on the head is all very well, but it is nothing compared to the excitement that has been generated by Warne-mania.

'Warne has taken leg-spin to another level. As a performer and as an artist and entertainer he is in another league. The more people take an interest in Warne and the more they find out about him, then the more they will appreciate what's going on out there in the middle, and that's where the fun'll start. Warne is a superstar. He is the best there's ever been. I hope he bowls well."

The torrent of praise is dammed for a second as Salisbury filters his words through a sluice gate of moderation. He the best. He is up there." resumes with the qualification: "I don't want him to to get too

many England wickets. But he is the catalyst. You ask any other leg-spinner in the world. You can compare him with anyone from the past and he is Which is where Salisbury

pearance, at The Oval against Pakistan last summer, was hardly what might be deemed a howling success. His 29 overs went for 116 runs and all he picked up was a solitary wicket. Mushtaq, on the other hand,

the tourists won by nine wickets. But although Salisbury acknowledges that it was a poor show still he feels he can draw some encouragement to buoy him as he attempts to resurrect his England career during The

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that Test, once I changed ends, shortly before the finish, the ball started to spin a lot. In fact every time I've played at The Oval it's

He is nothing if not industrious. Salisbury is always look-

there. The latest thing is flight. "Flight is everything," he ex-plains. "It is probably the single most important thing for a leg-spinner. Flight is what does top batsmen and that is what I



lan Salisbury: "I'll be quite happy if there is a hosepipe ban. Unfortunately it is still nice and green out there'

### Penalty costs Romero first-round lead

The English pair, Carl Mason and Jonathan Lomas, had the unenviable task of reporting Eduardo Romero for a rules infringement that cost the Argentinian veteran a share of the lead after the open-

ing round of the Italian Open. Rometo accidentally grounded his club while sizing up his line on line and played a couple of prac-

the 14th green of the Gardagolf course in Brescia, breaking a European Tour regulation that cost him a two-shot forfeit. And although he did not know he had committed the indiscretion, he accepted the English profession-

als' word and took his penalty. The tournament director, David Garland, said: "On the 14th green Eduardo walked forward on his

days under an overcast evening sky

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they held the Americans at bay.

Earlier Canada, with a goal

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after the interval, beat Ireland 1-0.

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tice swings 10 feet from the cup. His partners noticed he grounded his club, Jon Lomas watching through his legs as he touched his line, although he cannot remember doing so. We had no other proof because the television cameras did not show it, but Eduardo

accepted the penalty. Romero said: "I don't know what happened because I didn't see anything, feel anything. Carl and

Jonathan say they both saw it so I accept that. Now I have the determination to win, so no problem. Now I will shoot 66 in the second round."

That left Romero in an eight-way tie for third place, two shots off the lead held by Retief Goosen of South Africa, whose six-underpar 66 left him one ahead of Ian Woosnam. The Welshman's return to a wooden driver worked the trick as he produced a five-birdie 67.

Goosen, who had his maiden European victory in last year's Sla-ley Hall Challenge, holed a huge 50-footer on the last following an eagle and four birdies as he set the record at Gardagolf, despite suf-

fering from a bout of influenza. "I felt terrible and I used up a whole toilet roll wiping my nose on the way round," Goosen said. "I guess I felt so ill I just got on with it and I boled some putts."

### Smith in great touch | Clubs in call for

Hockey

BILL COLWILL :--**United States** England

Jane Smith, a 48th-minute substitute, dived full length with splendid anticipation to score the goal in the 63rd minute which gave the young England side a hard-fought victory against the Americans. It reversed the score when the teams

last met in the 1994 World Cup. England exploited their youth policy in this opening game in the Five Nations tournament in Vancouver with all six uncapped players starting with the previously uncapped Lisa Copeland giving a tenacious performance.

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Three South African rugby players were each suspended for two years for using steroids, Johan Ackermann, Stefan Bronkhorst and Bernie Nortje all tested positive for the anabolic steroid nandrolone in urine samples.

Scottish clubs playing in Europe next sea-son may be allowed to sit out the open-ing two rounds of the Coca-Cola Cup. The

sing two rounds of the Coca-Cota Cup. The Scottish League Management Committee will propose at their annual meeting on 30 May that the likes of Celtic and Rangers are not included until the third round.

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Australian rules

conceded an early goal. But, with goalkeeper Hilary Rose in form, While England's counterattacks came mainly down the right, the Americans held out until seven minutes from the end when Smith struck for the winner.

Ahmat, an Aboriginal player.

The Essendon manager, Danny Corcoran, said he had considered giving Prior a polygraph test to prove his player's innocence while the Collingwood chief executive, John May, said his club would have been happy for Ahmat

### Size poses problem

**Table tennis** 

The two-week long event, which

The former world mixed doubles champion, Claude Bergeret of France, who heads the Athletes Commission of the ITTF - the world governing body of the sport - said poor scheduling and a lack of communication has made it difficult for players and coaches.

The United States team leader Bob Fox, voiced complaints that have also come from France, England and Sweden. Fox said: "We sometimes have had no idea where or when we would be playing the next day. One morning we came in at nine and the players warmed up and then found they

were not on until one o'clock. "They could have been sleeping. This sort of thing completely dis-rupts their routine. When the team leader of Sweden says he doesn't

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TODAY'S NUMBER :

William Hill's odds about England winning their World Cup qualification group, with Italy 1-5 favourites. England are also queted at 6-4 not to qualify, and are joint seventh with Argentina at 16-1 to win the World Cup.

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2.30: 1. DESPOL DIAMOND (K Darley) 14-1;
2. Double Oscar 7-1; 3. Kombucky 7-1; 24 mm.
11-4 fav Abstone (Deen (Sm), 2, 1½, (G Oldroy),
York). Teta: £16.80: £4.10, £3.00, £2.90. Dual
Forecast: £95.30. Computer Straight Forecast:
£95.61. Trio: £415.60.

3.00: 1. DAYS OF GRACE (F Notion) 6-1; 2.
Sharp Cracker 6-1; 3. Baby Grand 25-1, 7 mm.
11-30 fav Amary Lucky (£1), 2, ½, Ø Mascky,
Mistresbury). Total: £5.80; £2.20. £2.50. DF:
£17-10. CSP. £38.59.

3.30: 1. COTTAGE PRINCE (J Forture) 7-1;
2. My MITTE-16-1; 3. Gashmirie 20-1, 11 mm.
13-8 fav Brambles Way. Nk. 3. U Quinn, Majtor). Total: £10.10; £2.10, £4.80, £2.70. DF:
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ran. 176, 174. 8. Montague Hall, Epsom). Tota:
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£22.97. Incast: £88.78. Tota: £29.90.

17.90. 5.15: 1. PREMIER DANCE (PP Murphy) 8-1;

2. One Off The Rail 12-1; 3. Jump The Lights 6-1, 12 ran, 5-2 tav in The Money, 21, 7, (D Heydn Jones, Pontypndth. Tota: £13.50; £4.90, £3.70, £1.60. DF: £22.90. CSF: £105.33. Tn-

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### TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Eagland's hopes of reaching a third successive women's World Cup suffered a major blow when they lost 3-0 to Australia in Jolyo. The victory enabled Australia to maintain their 100 per cent record in the round-orbit qualifying series, but England's chances of reaching Sunday's final have diminished. Scotland legot alive their ambiliance of a thirth place plausoff heath with

bitions of a third-place play-off berth with 8 6-4 with OMST CENTEDE.

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TENNES: Men's and Women's externs events

To help decide whether players are dinkum or deceitful, Essendon and Collingwood have called for the use of lie detectors in disciplinary hearings when a case depends on one player's word against another's.

The AFL clubs supported the in-troduction of the polygraph after a hearing cleared the Essendon defender Michael Prior of racially abusing Collingwood's Robert

thinpires: J McClintock (Cart) & A McCloskey (In). to take a lie detector test.

The World Table Tennis Championships have apparently grown too large, prompting strings of complaints from players and coaches about organisational problems.

ends in Manchester on Monday now has 6,000 matches, 175 hours play, 3,000 tons of equipment, and 90 practice or competition tables The championships have grown to 116 countries this year, 20 more than two years ago in China.
The World Championships

are too long for the players, too unattractive and financially risky for the organisers," said Jean-Michel Saive, the former world No 1 from Belgium, who is president of the professional players association, the CTTP.

know who they are playing either, there is a huge problem.

(SO) 5-4 7-5.
PARÉAS CZECH MEN'S OPEN CLAY COURT TOUR-NAMENT (Prague) Singles, second round: M. Ca-ca (Ger) by Y Naterikov (Rus) 7-6 5-4; M. Ros (Chie) by S. Smain (Pr) 6-4 6-2; E. Alwartz (Sp) by C. Costa (Sp) 7-5 4-6 6-4; F. Santoro (Fr) bt G. Nauten (Br) 7-6

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Godmersham Park 13-2; 3. Sing And Dance 14-1; 4. Grovetair Led 14-1, 16 ran, 4-1 fav Carrie Quest (5th). 6, 2%. () Hetherton, Malton). Teter: £13.90; £2.40, £2.50, £2.60, £5.30. DF: £56.40, CSF: £105.81. Treast: £1,455.21. Trea

Jackpot: Not won, Pool of £56,434.19 carried forward to Newmarket today.
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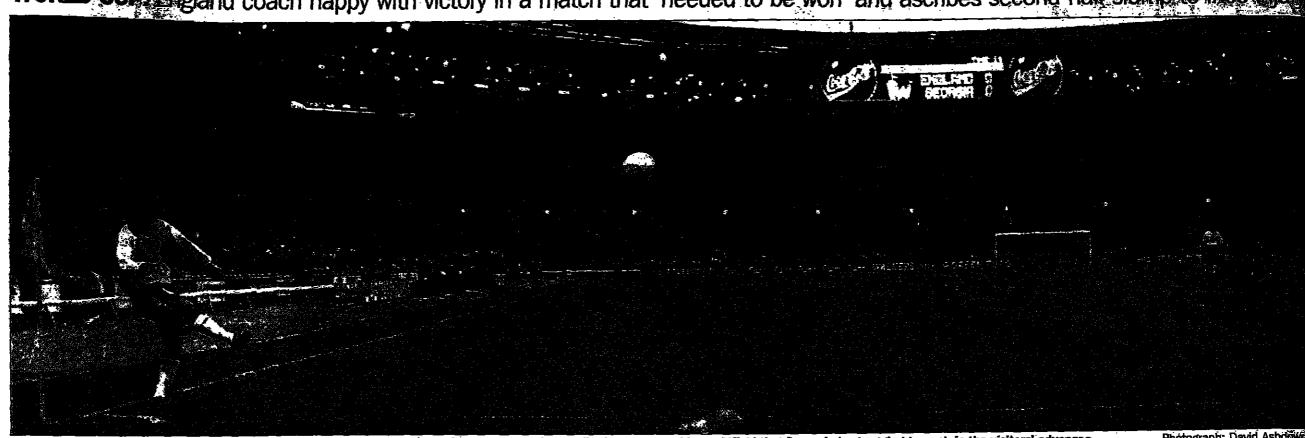
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lan Salisbury tells David Liewellyn about his new life at The Oval, page 31

WORLD CUP: Ingland coach happy with victory in a match that 'needed to be won' and ascribes second-half slump to ince



David Beckham takes a corner for England against Georgia at Wembley on Wednesday night. His contribution was sound in a midfield that for periods struggled to contain the visitors' advances

Hoddle did not take Ince off

until 12 minutes from the end.

Why not take him off earlier if

his injury was affecting the team's potency? "He was handling it OK," Hoddle said. "I

took him off after he took an-

other knock on the same area."

If he was "handling it" Ince's in-

jury can hardly be used as an ex-

cuse for England's loss of

control. Maybe there is more to

it than that, like the lack of a

One reply negates the other.

### Hoddle's rhetoric hides shortcomings

**GLENN MOORE** 

Football Correspondent

Listening to Glenn Hoddle in the aftermath of Wednesday night's 2-0 World Cup qualifying win over Georgia made one wonder whether Peter Mandelson had been seconded to the Football Association's PR department.

The England coach gave a performance which Mandelson, New Labour's notorious spin doctor, would have been proud of. The bright young leader was constantly upbeat as he talked at length while saying little of note. Self-contradictions, inconvenient facts and unwelcome questions were brushed aside. Like his team it was

from the goal did you feel there was a lack of invention?"

Hoddle replied: "Well, the goal was a superb goal. It was well created. There was lots of invention in that. It was a cutting-edge goal. Those are the sorts of things you put together and if they don't go in the back of the net people forget about it. That has come off for us on the night.

This specifically does not answer the question. Which is unfortunate because England's lack of flair in midfield was a problem. Although they had plenty of attempts on goal many of them were pot-shots from the edge of the box or from the second ball after a cross into Alan

One questioner asked: "Apart The first goal was beautifully com the goal did you feel there constructed and finished but similar chances were rare. Moreover, at times in the first half, and for 20 minutes at the beginning of the second, England's workman-like midfield could not stop Georgia from running

through them at will.

Hoddle admitted he was disappointed" by the secondhalf spell but explained: "That was partly due to Paul Ince. He had an injury at half-time and he was not quite functioning. He made some great runs in the first half and nearly ended up scoring a couple of goals. He gets in the box. In the second half he was not at full throttle and couldn't do it. We ended up

midfield passer, such as Jamie Redknapp. The inclusion of Rob Lee, rather than Redknapp or a flair player such as Steve McManaman, was Hoddle said, because with Teddy Sheringham dropping off you can isolate Alan arer. Rob loves getting for-

ward from midfield. Macca does it with the ball; Rob does it with and without. You need that with Alan being marked tightly." So, McManaman cannot be

played alongside Shearer and Sheringham. "I wouldn't say that," said Hoddle, who just had. Lee justified selection. Like David Beckham and Graeme Le Saux he was prominent supporting the attack and some valu-

able defensive work covering for

others underlined the strength

of England's team spirit.
"The match needed to be won and we have done that," Hoddle said. Agreed. World Cup qualifiers are about points first and performances second. Hoddle has also been hampered by having to do almost all

games. This has made it harder to instil his ideas. Hence Hoddle's pleasure in working with players like Sheringham.

Teddy is one of those play-

ers who remembers things on the training ground and does them when it is needed in games. In the last 10-15 minutes, when fatigue set in, Sol Campbell did not. He needs to concentrate in the latter stages."

As Campbell had a good game, within his limitations, and was the official man of the match such criticism could be interpreted as a way of preventing him getting carried away. If so it is a rare example of Hoddle using the press to get a point across. Usually he is far more circumspect, and is acutely

taken out of context. He also knows results will decide his destiny, not press conferences or playing performances.

Another win, in Katowice, will effectively secure England a place in the top two of Group Two. That would ensure that, at worst, they would have the chance to play-off for a place in next year's finals. Assuming they beat Moldova at home in September they may then qualify as the best-placed runner-up - at present they look to be on a par

with Belgium and Yugoslavia. A draw in Poland would probably be enough to secure second place but defeat could mean them needing at least a point in Rome in October. Not for the first time England's fate

Robson a loser over keepers

### Ince angered by snubs

Paul Ince yesterday hit back at ing the best football of my ca- but Everton are a big club and suggestions that a number of reer. I don't like it when I'm getleading Premiership clubs have changed their minds about signing him should he decide to leave his Italian club Internazionale this summer.

You need a player like me . Ince said after snubbed by the likes of Arsenal, Newcastle, Liverpool.

Peter Hill-Wood the Arsenal chairman] is saying that I'm 29 and past my sell-by date. Well, that's just crap. At 29 I'm reaching my peak and I'm play-

ting snubbed, as if to say I'm not a good player all of a sudden. I tential and money is there. If they just stick my fingers up to the people saying that.
But for Robert Coar [the

if you are going to win League out and say the same sort of necessarily true. The wife's thing is the last straw. Let s be England's 2-0 World Cup win serious. You can tell him that over Georgia. "I get livid when he'd be lucky if I came to I hear or read that I've been | Blackburn, let alone them snub me. That's my message to him.

Manchester United. Liverpool need to do that and it's the same with Arsenal. They need a player like me to achieve that.

looking to get better. They have had a few problems but the powere interested I'd talk to them. "People keep saying that if I

came back that it would have to Blackburn chairman] to come be to a London club. That's not and when I come back, it doesn't matter where I go. Ince added: "There is a lot of

guessing going on about what sort of fee would be involved but people don't know what the price would be if I decide to come back. People think they are going to have to pay £7m~ "I'm fed up with all these snubs but if it's only £3.5m then they

Ince: 'Let's be serious'

might change their mind. I haven't decided what I am going to do. It's possible I might stay another year and anything in that direction will not happen until after the Uefa Cup final."

#### SIMON TURNBULL

Middlesbrough's season is threatening to lurch from the sublime to the ridiculous. Following his latest defeat, another failed appeal to the Premier League, Boro's manager, Bryan ty of using Neil Cox, a former

as an emergency goalkeeper against Aston Villa at the Riverside Stadium tomorrow. Robson's four goalkeepers are all on the injured list - Mark Schwarzer has a calf problem. Ben Roberts has a swollen arm,

Gary Walsh is recovering from a

has a suspected broken hand and he was vesterday refused permission to borrow a goalkeeper to help his relegation-threat-ened side through four League games in eight days.

League Premier spokesman said last night: The The position is perfectly clear. England Under-21 right-back. You can't sign players after the deadline and expect to play them in matches affecting the championship or relegation."

Robson said: "If you've got four goalkeepers out injured surely there's got to be a dispensation. As it stands, we'll just have to wrap Ben Roberts in

knee operation and Alan Miller cotton wool. The player we've always said would go in goal in an emergency is Neil Cox." Chelsea have, as expected,

beaten off interest from Italy and Spain to sign the Uruguayan midfielder Gustavo Poyet. The 29year-old international will go to Stamford Bridge on 30 June on a free trai Bosman ruling, when his contract ends with Spain's Real Zaragoza.

Ian Wright is in trouble with the Football Association again. The Arsenal striker has been summoned to Lancaster Gate as a result of comments he allegedly made to the referee, Mike Riley, at the end of Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Blackburn.

Jim Smith, Derby County manager, has made a £3.5m offer to Monaco for the French international Eromanuel Petit. who can play left-back, centreback or in midfield.

West Bromwich's chairman Tony Hale, may call on the club's former manager, Ala tract dispute with the strucer Pair Peschisolido. The Canadia asked for a transfer this week claiming that Albion had broke promises made when Bucking signed him for £600,000 has summer. Buckley is suing A after being sacked by in January and failing compensation.

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### **'Lazy' Doherty gets** his act together

**GUY HODGSON** reports from Sheffield

It has been a consistent answer whenever players have been asked who will win this year's Embassy World Championship at the Crucible. Stephen Hendry is mentioned, of course - you could hardly ignore him - but Ken Doherty is picked out as the

man playing the best snooker. "Ken looks as fresh as paint," John Parrott, the 1991 champion, said. "He's an exceptional match player who is not worried about Stephen or anyone which is the right way to be. I expect him to get to the final."

Doherty, the seventh seed from the Republic of Ireland, has to win the semi-final first and yesterday that was not a forgone conclusion by any means. At the end of the first session he and Canada's Alain Robidoux were level at 4-4 and a prolonged contest seemed to be

unfolding.
Nevertheless, to be in the semi-final is an accomplishment for Doherty who was routed 6-1 by Steve Davis at the Benson and Hedges and Irish Masters and irritated his manager, Ian Doyle, so much last month he described him as

Doyle has Hendry as one of his players and the six-times world champion would make Hercules seem idle, but the portents for Sheffield were not promising. Davis was sorted out with a 13-3 win in the second round, while even the manager has been placated by his charge's sudden enthusiasm for

the morning was," said Doher- the world No 9, saying the ty, who spent four weeks before the World Championships practising seven hours a day with Ronnie O'Sullivan in Ilford.

"Ian did have a point. "He's a great manager and a great friend and I suppose I'm a bit of a lazy bastard at times. I have tried to change over the last few weeks and it's certainhy paid off. I thought I was practising hard before but I was doing it a different way and

maybe not so much." Yesterday Doherty's start belied the "practice makes perfect" philosophy. His opening shot was an attempt to rest the white against the pack but he misread the speed of the table and his first action of the match was to give away four points for

Like Doherty, Robidoux, the 14th seed, is playing in his first World Championship semi-final and he looked anything but fazed by the occasion. Introduced as the "Montreal Magician" by Alan Hughes, the master of ceremonies, he did not exactly cast a spell but he did have the upper hand for much of the session leading 2-1,

levelled with a break of 75. What the score is between Darren Morgan and "Prince" Naseem Hamed is debatable but what had begun as the snooker player asking for the boxer to be removed from the press seats at the Crucible during his quarter-final with Hendry because he found Naseem's presence "intimidating" flowered into a full-scale

3-2 and 4-3 before the Irishman

fuss yesterday.

Hamed, a close friend of

Welshman had made a "silly, stupid excuse - a kid. childish

remark". "I'm embarrassed for the boy," Hamed said. "If he calls himself a world-class player how can he turn round and say a two-times world champion in the front row spooked him?"

Morgan fought back on Ra-dio 5 Live. "He's talking through his hat really, but who am I to say that - he's a world champion," he said. "But it was a bit of a stupid statement. It just intimidated me, he's got an intimidating face. There's a press box there and he's not

Morgan said he enjoyed watching Hamed box but could not resist adding: "Everybody would like to see him smacked out - and I am probably no dif-

terent. Frank Warren, the promoter. also weighed in by offering Morgan a ringside seat for tomorrow's dual world featherweight title fight against Billy Hardy at the Nynex Centre in Manchester. "We have invited Darren Morgan to take a front row seat at the fight, to see if he can intimidate Naz on behalf of Billy. I'm sure he'd love to do

Morgan has declined and was understandably upset to. hear himself described as "childish" and "immature" by the fighter. What he had forgotten is the first law of boxing: nothing sells tickets like a row. Alan Chamberlain, 54, of Wigan, will referee the World Championship final for the first the first time on Sunday and

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